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3rd COVID wave slams Berrien

Health officials sound alarm, say virus spread is far worse than in spring

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Local health officials said Friday that the community must work together again to flatten the curve of a third COVID-19 wave.

"If we continue to see this unrelenting spread, we're going to run into capacity issues in the health care system," Nicki Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), said during a Facebook Live event. "It's time for people to think about how we can bend and flatten the curve so we don't face that situation of deciding who gets health care."

Spectrum Health Lakeland President Dr. Loren Hamel agrees.

"Either we're going to flatten the curve or we're going to be hampered to care for people with other routine medical needs," he said.

Berrien County is now exceeding an average of 100 new COVID-19 cases each day. Britten said during the first two waves of the virus in May and July, the county never even reached an average of 20 new cases a day.

Britten said there are about 8.5 times as many cases being reported per day now compared to Oct. 2. The county's percent positivity rate has increased by about 5 times during that time.

The positivity rate was 16.5 percent on Monday, with about 1,000 tests being done each day.

Britten said testing has only increased by 1.5 times.

"This spike is not a result of more testing. We're having significant levels of transmission in the community," Britten said.

Berrien County has recorded 795 new COVID-19 cases since last Friday. The previous week the county added 465 cases, and the week before that 341.

In addition, the county recorded eight COVID-19 deaths this week. The previous week, the county recorded three.

In total, since March, the county has recorded 94 deaths, 3,901 confirmed cases and 412 presumed cases. That's an addition of 15 new presumed cases since last Friday.

Recoveries can't be compared to last Friday due to the change this week in how

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Sen. LaSata tests positive for COVID-19

By HP STAFF

LaSATA

LANSING — State Sen. Kim LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, announced Friday that she tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday.

"When I was informed that I am positive for COVID-19, I couldn't believe it," she said in the news release. "I had not experienced any symptoms prior to receiving a test administered during a routine, scheduled medical checkup, and I remain asymptomatic."

LaSata said she had no knowledge that she was exposed to the virus and attended Senate session and committee hearings as normal on Thursday in Lansing. She is one of a growing number of state House

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Sofi Grover uses a disinfectant as she wipes down chairs and tables in preparation for a private event Thursday at Silver Harbor Brewing Co. in St. Joseph. As winter approaches, area restaurants must deal with the loss of outdoor dining space as the pandemic drags on.

Bracing for the cold

Restaurants prepare for the long pandemic winter

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Since late spring, restrictions on indoor dining has forced Southwest Michigan restaurants to rely on outdoor seating to survive.

But as the weather gets colder, the outside space won't be of much use without added measures. Also looming is the threat of even more mandates or restrictions due to the recent rapid increase in COVID-19 cases.

With restaurants currently only allowed to have 50 percent capacity indoors, some owners fear the restaurant industry will see a string of closures this winter.

Others believe the changes they've incorporated will allow them to outlast the latest wave of the coronavirus.

Mike Gross, owner of Silver Harbor Brewing Co., is leaving their patio open longer than normal this year.

The St. Joseph brewery also benefited from a partnership with 221 Main Restaurant and Cocktail House this summer, when the two businesses – with permission from the city – were able to use the adjacent one-way street for outdoor seating on the weekends. It was dubbed Pleasant Street Plaza.

Face mask requirements are among the precautions currently being taken to protect customers and staff at Silver Harbor Brewing Co. in St. Joseph.

"It was a fun option. It offset the losses we had inside," Gross said in reference to the cap on indoor seating. "It was a hassle to set up the tables every weekend, but it was nice to have that flexibility for the business. We are a seasonal business driven by tourists."

But with the temperature dropping, Gross said they hope to use the beer garden for additional seating and capitalize on a service that became big over the summer – takeout sales and online ordering.

"We've integrated that into our point-of-sales system. We made some adjustments to make it easier for consumers," he said. "We didn't have online capabilities until we reopened following the quarantine. Now that's a big part of our business and we plan on that being a big part of our

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Gov. Whitmer seeks shutdown of Great Lakes oil pipeline

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY — Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer took legal action Friday to shut down a pipeline that carries oil beneath a channel linking two of the Great Lakes.

Whitmer's office notified Canadian company Enbridge Inc. that it was revoking an easement granted 67 years ago to extend a roughly 4-mile section of the pipeline through the Straits of Mackinac. The revocation takes effect in 180 days, when the flow of oil must stop.

"Enbridge has routinely refused to take action to protect our Great Lakes and the millions of Americans who depend on them for clean drinking water and good jobs," the Democratic governor said in a statement. "They have repeatedly violated the terms of the 1953 easement by ignoring structural problems that put our Great Lakes and our families at risk.

"Most importantly, Enbridge has imposed on the people of Michigan an unacceptable risk of a catastrophic oil spill in the Great Lakes that could devastate our economy and way of life."

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel filed a lawsuit Friday to carry out Whitmer's decision. Another pending case that Nessel filed last year targets the pipeline as a public nuisance.

Enbridge said there was "no credible basis" for Whitmer's action.

"Line 5 remains safe, as envisioned by the 1953 Easement, and as recently validated by our federal safety regulator," said Vern Yu, the company's president for liquids pipelines.

Line 5 is part of Enbridge's Lakehead network, which carries oil from western Canada to refineries in the U.S. and Ontario. The pipeline moves about 23 million gallons daily between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario, traversing parts of northern Michigan and Wisconsin.

The underwater section beneath the Straits of Mackinac, which connects Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, is divided into two pipes that are 20 inches in diameter. Enbridge says they are in good condition and have never leaked.

Environmentalists say they're vulnerable and that closing Line 5 should be part of a global effort to curb use of climate-warming fossil fuels.

"Line 5 remains exposed to uncontrollable and powerful forces, including exceptionally strong currents, lakebed scouring, new anchor and cable strikes and corrosion," said Liz Kirkwood of For Love of Water.

Enbridge reached an agreement with then-Gov. Rick Snyder, a Republican, in 2018 to replace the underwater portion with a new pipe that would be housed in a tunnel to be drilled through bedrock beneath the straits.

The company is seeking state and federal permits for the $500 million project, which is not affected by Whitmer's shutdown order.

Environmental activists, native tribes and some elected officials began pushing to decommission Line 5 after another Enbridge pipe spilled at least 843,000 gallons of oil in the Kalamazoo River in southern Michigan in 2010.

Pressure grew as the company reported gaps in protective coating and installed supports when erosion opened wide spaces between sections of pipe and the lake bed.

An anchor dragged by a commercial tug and barge dented both pipes in April 2018. One of the pipeline supports was damaged this summer, apparently by a boat cable.

In a termination notice, Whitmer's office said the easement should not have been granted in 1953. Placing the pipes beneath a busy shipping lane with no

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CDC: Wearing a mask could keep you from catching virus

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials are taking a new tack to encourage Americans to wear masks: They're emphasizing recent research that a mask protects the person who wears it.

Previously, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised people to wear masks because of evidence that it stops people who are infected with coronavirus – whether they know it or not – from spreading it to others.

But this week the CDC posted a new scientific brief discussing recent studies finding that a wearer gets some protection.

The agency's guidance didn't change. It continues to advise Americans to wear masks to stop the virus from spreading.

"But now we're saying here's another reason" to do it, said Dr. John Brooks, chief medical officer for the CDC's COVID-19 emergency response.

Agency officials were influenced by a recent study led by Japanese researchers who used mannequin heads and artificial respirators to simulate the spread of coronavirus particles through the air, and assess how well masks blocked transmission.

It confirmed earlier research that masks work best when worn by an infected person who might spread it by coughing, sneezing or talking. Masks block about 60 percent of the amount of virus that comes out of an infected person, the study found.

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DR. JOHN BROOKS
Chief medical officer for the CDC's COVID-19 emergency response

But the researchers also found there was benefit when an uninfected person wearing a mask was unlucky enough to be near an infected person who wasn't wearing one. In that scenario, the amount of virus the uninfected person inhaled fell by 37 percent – to 50 percent – if they wore a mask.

When both people were wearing masks, the decline in virus particles reaching the second person was largest – close to 70 percent.

The study didn't perfectly mimic most real-world situations. For example, the heads were closer together than six feet, and the exhaling mannequin head was doing more of a constant cough than regular breathing.

But Brooks said the value of everyone wearing masks is suggested by several other studies of real-world situations – including one of customers in a Missouri hair salon, another on a U.S. aircraft carrier, and several others that tracked infections and deaths in places that adopted mask mandates.

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Quick Draw Evening
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Shoppers comply with the mask regulations to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus at Bridgton Books on Friday in Bridgton, Maine.

Ore., N.M. order lockdowns as other states resist

By MICHELLE R. SMITH, CARLA K. JOHNSON and LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The governors of Oregon and New Mexico ordered near-lockdowns Friday in the most aggressive response yet to the latest wave of coronavirus infections shattering records across the U.S., even as many of their counterparts in other states show little appetite for reimposing the hardline restrictions of last spring.

"We are in a life-or-death situation, and if we don't act right now, we cannot preserve the lives, we can't keep saving lives, and we will absolutely crush our current health care system and infrastructure," Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico said in imposing a two-week stay-at-home order.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown ordered a two-week "freeze" starting Wednesday, under which all businesses will be required to close their offices to the public and mandate work-from-home "to the greatest extent possible."

While most Oregon stores will remain open, gyms, museums, pools, movie theaters and zoos will be forced to close, and restaurants and bars will be limited to takeout. Social gatherings will be restricted to six people.

The Democratic governor warned that violators could face fines or arrest.

"For the last eight months, I have been asking Oregonians to follow to the letter and the spirit of the law, and we have not chosen to engage law enforcement," Brown said. "At this point in time, unfortunately, we have no other option."

Both states had lockdowns earlier in the year, but the coronavirus is coming back with a vengeance across the country, and the U.S. is facing a long, dark winter. The scourge is blamed for 10.7 million confirmed infections and almost a quarter-million deaths in the U.S., with the closely watched University of Washington model projecting nearly 439,000 dead by March 1.

Deaths have climbed to about 1,000 a day on average. New cases per day are soaring, reaching another all-time high on Thursday of more than 153,000. Hospitals are getting swamped.

Still, there is little will among many governors and other elected officials for going back to the kind of lockdowns and large-scale business closings seen last spring. Some governors also continue to resist issuing statewide mask rules.

Among the reasons given: public fatigue, fear of doing more damage to already-crippled businesses, lack of support from Washington, and the way efforts to tame the virus have become fiercely politicized.

"I think that governors and mayors are, again, in a really tough spot. The American population is emotionally and economically exhausted," Dr. Megan Ranney, an emergency physician and professor at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

President Donald Trump asked all Americans to remain "vigilant" but ruled out a nationwide "lockdown."

"Hopefully, whatever happens in the future, who knows which administration it will be, I guess time will tell, but I can tell you this administration will not go to a lockdown," Trump said in his first public remarks since his defeat by President-elect Joe Biden.

Governors in many states, such as New York, Maryland, Virginia and Minnesota, have taken largely incremental measures over the past few days, such as limiting the size of gatherings, making businesses close early, restricting capacity or cutting off alcohol sales earlier in the evening.

Nevada Democratic Gov. Steve Sisolak has repeatedly argued that containing the virus is largely up to individuals.

"Some people are going to ask, 'Why not limit retail, or casino resorts, or restaurants right now?' That's a fair question," he said. "That is the tightrope of trying to balance controlling the COVID-19 spread, protecting our hospitals from surges, and at the same time, not destroying and shutting down our economy."

In Texas, which this week became the first state to surpass 1 million confirmed COVID-19 cases, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has emphasized new treatments and vaccines that are expected to become available soon.

Bond greatly reduced for man linked to Whitmer kidnap plot

JACKSON (AP) — A judge greatly reduced bond to $150,000 Friday for a man accused of allowing his property to be used by an anti-government group plotting to kidnap Michigan's governor.

Joseph Morrison, described as the commander of the Wolverine Watchmen, has been in custody in Jackson County for more than five weeks on a $10 million bond.

Judge Michael Klaeren said the bond was too high. He reduced it and set other other conditions if Morrison is released, including a GPS tether to be worn to track his movements.

Authorities allege members of anti-government paramilitary groups took part in plotting the kidnapping of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, before the election. Six men are charged in federal court. Morrison is among eight others who are charged in state court and believed to be members or associates of the Watchmen.

Assistant Attorney General Sunita Doddamani said Morrison was culpable even if he didn't "eat, sleep and breathe" the alleged scheme to abduct Whitmer.

"He provided training. He provided land. ... He provided material support," said Doddamani.

But defense attorney George Lyons said Morrison wasn't committed to violence and had stopped associating with the group charged in federal court.

The same judge reduced co-defendant Pete Musico's bond to $100,000 on Oct. 23. Musico and Morrison were living together when they were arrested. Bond for a third man, Paul Bellar, was reduced Friday to $75,000 from $500,000.

Investigators said Whitmer was targeted because of her tough measures to control the spread of the coronavirus. A stay-home order was in place for weeks, and businesses were greatly limited.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences
St. Joseph
Armed robbery

Jordan R. Stefanski, 20, of Fort Wayne, 20-60 years in prison, credit for 83 days served, and $198 in costs for armed robbery April 4 at a house in Three Oaks. Stefanski was sentenced as a habitual offender.

Drunken driving

Domiro D. Jones, 39, of Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, 2-5 years in prison and $1,298 in fines and costs for operating while intoxicated, third offense, Aug. 20 in Benton Harbor.

Susan M. Lawson, 54, of West Clay Street, New Buffalo, 30 days in jail, credit for 6 days served, $2,258 in fines and costs, 180 days on SCRAM tether, 480 hours community service and 18 months probation for operating while intoxicated, third offense, Sept. 6 in New Buffalo.

Drugs

Ashley L. Wessels, 32, of Bailey Avenue, South Haven, 7 days in jail, credit for 2 days served $2,668 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether and 2 years probation for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Aug. 4 in Benton Township.

Daniel J. Bol, 28, of Grand Rapids, 90 days in jail, credit for 41 days served, $1,638 in fines and costs, 18 months probation and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, Sept. 23 in New Buffalo Township.

Alexis M. Cooper, 24, of North Coloma Road, Coloma, 180 days in jail, credit for 37 days, $1,978 in fines and costs, 2 years probation and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Aug. 17 in Coloma.

Donnell Green, 65, of East Britain Avenue, Benton Harbor, 1 year in jail, credit for 251 days served, $198 in costs and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, for delivery/manufacture of narcotics, less than 50 grams cocaine, Feb. 26 in Benton Harbor.

Weapons violations

Phillip J. Barnes IV, 34, of Vineyard Street, Benton Harbor, 120 days in jail, credit for 53 days served, $2,238 in fines and costs and 18 months probation for possession of a firearm by a felon Sept. 4 in Benton Harbor.

Assaulting/fleeing police

Elijah J. Carter, 17, of East Empire Avenue, Benton Harbor, 45 days in jail, credit for 10 days served, $858 in fines and costs and 1 year probation for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Township Police Officer Max Alverson Sept. 9 in Benton Township.

Daren E. Finehout, 24, of Red Arrow Highway, Coloma, 120 days in jail and $198 in costs for fourth-degree fleeing Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Crosby Sept. 6 in Benton Township.

Other

William E. Bowen, 42, of Old U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, 23 months to 5 years in prison, credit for 59 days served, $198 in costs and $5,054 in restitution for receiving/concealing stolen property, a motor vehicle, Feb. 2 in Sodus Township; a concurrent term of 34 days in jail and $198 in costs for use of controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense; and a concurrent term of 21 days for contempt of court, a bond violation, Feb. 2 in Coloma.

Austin D. Haney, 27, of Bessemer Road, Coloma, 210 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $2,478 in fines and costs, $4,848 in restitution, 2 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for obtaining money using false pretenses $1,000 to $20,000; and a concurrent term of 120 days and $68 in costs for illegal sale/use of a financial transaction device between March 27, 2019, and March 28, 2020, in St. Joseph Township.

Misty D. White, 46, of Millburg Drive, Benton Harbor, 30 days in jail for contempt of court, a bond violation, Sept. 7 in Bainbridge Township.

Niles
Arson

Stephen E. Taghon Jr., 35, of South Bend, Ind., 1 year in jail, credit for 336 days served, $198 in costs, $167,000 in restitution and 5 years probation for fourth-degree arson Oct. 31, 2019, in Niles Township. Taghon set fire to several piles of clothing in the Walmart Supercenter at 2107 S. 11th Street, damaging merchandise, ceiling tiles, display shelving and floor covering, according to court records.

Weapons violations

Dennis E. Rizzo, 44, of Sheffield Avenue, Niles, $1,058 in fines and costs and forfeiture of a pistol for possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle July 25 in Niles Township.

Fleeing police

Christine Nicole-Marie Kusmiez, 28, of Bond Street, Niles, 120 days in jail, credit for 50 days served, $598 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for fourth-degree fleeing police Aug. 31 in Niles.

Assault

Drew T. Morris, 27, of Mishawaka, Ind., 30 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $658 in fines and costs, $3,570 in restitution and 2 years probation for attempted assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on a man with a chair, March 14 in Niles Township.

Nathaniel W. Sharrer, 25, of Broadway Street, Niles, 90 days in jail, credit for 54 days served, $658 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for domestic violence, third offense, Aug. 27 in Niles.

Other

Charles L. Straub, 56, of South Bend, Ind., 5 days in jail, credit for 5 days served, and $7,875 in fines and costs for being an unlicensed residential builder March 28, 2018, in Galien.

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SH schools return to remote learning

Status will be evaluated in a week

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Students in the South Haven Public School district returned to their home computers Friday after district officials made the decision to stop in-person learning for at least a week.

"This is not a decision entered into lightly, as we know the impact to families but we also want to ensure the continued safety of our students and staff," Superintendent Kevin Schooley stated.

The decision to return to remote learning is due to the number of staff and students who are self-quarantining after possible exposure to COVID-19.

"I have 26 staff members throughout the district currently in a quarantine situation and about 60 students," Schooley said. "Consistent with the message to staff and the community, we had to quarantine impacted staff and students due to a positive student case."

Students and staff are expected to return to in-person learning on Thursday, Nov. 19, but that will depend on whether there will be enough available staff.

"Our issue was staffing," Schooley said. "If we can determine that enough staff are available, then we can return to our routine and limit the stress on families. I will be in contact with the Van Buren Cass District Health Department next week, as well, as we evaluate our return."

The district's return to remote learning comes at a time when the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Van Buren County is surging.

Over the past month, the number of positive COVID-19 cases reported to Van Buren/Cass District Health Department (VBC-DHD) has increased significantly, according to Danielle Persky, deputy health officer for the department.

As of Friday, cases had increased by 673 over two weeks ago. The overall number of cases stood at 1,670, compared to 997 that had been recorded to date on Oct. 28, according to the health department. County deaths during that same time period increased from 17 to 21.

Earlier this school year, district officials sent students and staff from two classrooms at Maple Grove Elementary School home for two weeks after two students tested positive for COVID-19. But the district hasn't had to take similar action until now.

FADING BEACH WEATHER

Don Campbell / HP staff

The sun breaks through a bank of clouds as beachgoers take advantage of the last of this year's warm weather earlier this week at Warren Dunes State Park.

'It was most remarkable'

Buchanan vet was first out of the plane for Veterans Day skydive

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Photo provided

Doyle Vergon parachutes from 10,000 feet Wednesday as part of a tandem sky dive during a national ceremony in Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It was cold on the way down, but the reception at the ground was heartwarming.

Doyle Vergon was the first veteran to jump out of a plane Wednesday as part of a national ceremony in honor of Veterans Day.

"It was spectacular, so well organized and so well planned," he said Friday. "It made you feel so good and so important to be there."

VERGON

The Buchanan resident, who is 86, took part in the skydive jump with 20 other veterans as part of a "Legacy Jump" at the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Mo.

Vergon was partnered with one of the more experienced jumpers, who has recorded more than 11,000 jumps.

"He was the No. 1 jumper, so consequently I became the No. 1 jumper," Vergon said.

The jump was put together by the Bird's Eye View Project to pay homage to the men and women who served this country. It featured veterans from World War II, as well as the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

Vergon, a sergeant, served in the Marine Corps for three years, where he was stationed in Korea from 1952-55. Vergon and his wife were chartered a private jet to and from Kansas City for the ceremony.

After arriving at the museum, Vergon and others were given a private tour. The next day they prepared for their jump.

The weather conditions were not the best, as wind forced the jump to be delayed a couple hours.

The morning of the jump, it was 38 degrees at ground level in Kansas City. At 10,000 feet, Vergon said the temperature felt more like 5 degrees.

"It being my first jump, I didn't know what to anticipate. The first thing I noticed sitting by the open hatchway was how cold it was. But it got colder when we went out," Vergon said. "You start gliding around like a bird after that chute comes out. You come in on your butt and slide. They tell you to keep your feet up."

Vergon joked that if he ever jumped out of a plane again, it would be during the summer.

The landing field was at the museum itself, where Vergon and his jumper landed on target.

"The reception we received on the ground, the way we were representing the millions of veterans throughout the world, it was very, very emotional," Vergon recalled.

By noon, they were en route to return to the airport.

From the people he met to the jump itself, Vergon said it's a memory he won't forget.

"It was most remarkable," he said.

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Reading matters to this group of parents

PTO raises funds to purchase new books, renovate SH elementary school library

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Books matter to Trish Barnes, and so do school libraries.

When Barnes, who is the president of Maple Grove Elementary School's PTO, looked around at the school library last spring, she didn't like what she saw.

"It has really old tables and books," she said. "The book shelves are not user friendly for kids."

Rather than complain, Barnes and Heather Vanlandingham, also a member of the PTO, decided to act.

They came up with an ambitious plan to raise money to purchase new furnishings and books in an effort to update the library, but more importantly, to make it more inviting and user-friendly for kids.

"We want kids to enjoy reading forever," Barnes said.

Yet, like most projects this year, the COVID-19 pandemic curtailed the PTO's efforts, but not their fundraising.

With help from the school's library committee, the group canvassed organizations, foundations and businesses for donations.

"We wanted to see if we could get the financial resources first to see if this (updating the library) was relevant," Barnes said.

The PTO and library committee were pleasantly surprised to find that many were willing to contribute to the $17,000 fundraising goal.

"We received grants from the South Haven Community Foundation, South Haven Public Schools Foundation, Albemarle's foundation," Barnes said.

Businesses, such as Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, and organizations, such as the South Haven Rotary Club, also contributed funding. Lakeshore Paint also agreed to donate paint for a mural that will be painted on one of the walls in the library.

To date the PTO has received more than $12,000, which allowed it to begin renovations and order new furnishings.

In the meantime, both Barnes, Vanlandingham and other volunteers have been spending hours in the library sorting through hundreds of books to determine which ones need to be replaced.

As of Wednesday, dozens of boxes of old books sat on the floor in one section of the library to be donated to the American Association of University Women for its annual book sale.

The PTO doesn't anticipate that the library will be completely renovated until the start of the second semester in January of 2021.

At a time when school districts throughout the country have cut back on library budgets, the PTO and Maple Grove library committee think it's important to stress the reading of books, especially for students who struggle with reading.

"We don't want struggling readers to think choosing a library book is so difficult," Barnes said. "We want to be very careful to pick out books and book sets to engage struggling readers."

Maple Grove School, like many other schools, hasn't had funding to provide for the purchase of new books in a number of years.

"We haven't gotten new books in 12 years," said Heather Chalupa, a junior kindergarten teacher at Maple Grove, who also is on the library committee and engaged in fundraising efforts.

Now that the PTO has raised most of the funding for the new furnishings and other renovations, they are turning their attention to raising an additional $4,500 for the purchase of even more new books.

They've developed a wish list of new books written for children, while others will be purchased to replace old book series that have become worn out.

Individuals, businesses or groups who are interested in purchasing and donating books to the library can visit the Maple Grove PTO Facebook site.

IN BRIEF

Berrien County District 5 seat still tied

ST. JOSEPH — The two candidates who tied for the District 5 seat on the Berrien County Board of Commissioners are going to have to wait a little longer to find out who won.

Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler said Friday that after the board of canvassers examined the ballots, the two candidates are still tied.

Republican Bruce Gorenflo and Democrat Rayonte Bell both received 3,934 votes in the unofficial results of the Nov. 3 election. Tyler said the board of canvassers is meeting today to continue examining the votes in other areas of the county.

If they don't finish today, she said they will finish up tomorrow so she has time to complete the reports and send them to the state by the Tuesday deadline.

Tyler said she also needs to talk to state officials about exactly when and how to have the candidates draw lots from a box to find out who won the District 5 seat.

"I'd like to be inside (at the Berrien County Courthouse), but I have to go through the channels to get permission," she said. "It may be in the parking lot, depending on COVID restrictions."

District 5 includes St. Joseph and Shoreham, plus Precincts 1 and 2 of St. Joseph Township. The incumbent, Bill Chickering, is retiring.

Boys & Girls Clubs announces new CEO

BENTON HARBOR — The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor announced Thursday that Mackenzie Kastl will be the organization's new CEO, replacing Brian Saxton, who is retiring Dec. 31.

Sherri Ulleg, communications coordinator with the clubs, said Kastl will start on Dec. 1, which will give her a month to work with Saxton before he leaves.

Kastl's most recent role was as CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region, according to the news release from Michael Todman, board chairman of the clubs.

Born and raised in mid-Michigan, Kastl has a bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University and has completed graduate work at Central Michigan University.

"We are incredibly excited for Mackenzie to join the BGCBH family and look forward to your interaction with her as she defines her vision for our clubs," Todman said.

Kastl said she's excited to start in her new position.

"Taking this role at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor is an incredible honor for me, and I am so excited to get to work for the youth of Southwest Michigan," she said. "I believe our clubs have never been more important than they are right now, and I look forward to the opportunity to get to know the communities, families and stakeholders who support this incredible organization."

Legacy Group of Benton Harbor plans online 'thank you'

BENTON HARBOR — The nonprofit group that is restoring the former First Congregational United Church of Christ in Benton Harbor will hold a Facebook live event Wednesday to thank everyone who has helped.

Michael Hoyh, founding board member of the Legacy Group of Benton Harbor, said the event will start at 9 p.m. on the group's Facebook page. More information can be found on the Facebook page.

The church includes chimes that were donated by Benton Harbor industrialist John N. Klock and his wife, Carrie, in memory of their daughter, Jean, who died in infancy. There were originally 10 chimes. A fire on Feb. 27, 1926, destroyed much of the church, but not the bell tower or chimes.

A new church was built in 1927, with an 80-foot-high tower to house 15 chimes that could be played electronically.

OBITUARIES

Kathryn Simpson

April 3, 1928 – Nov. 2, 2020

Kathryn "Kay" Margaret Simpson, 92, of Southlake, Texas, formerly of Galien, and Hernando, Fla., passed away Monday, Nov. 2, 2020.

Kay was born on April 3, 1928, in Chicago to the late John and Margaret (Bilek) Antonucci.

On Nov. 9, 1946, Kay married "the love of her life" Wayne Arthur Simpson. They shared 58 years of marriage until his death on March 17, 2005.

Kay was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; son, Terry Simpson; granddaughter, Janece Wilson, and brother, John Antonucci.

Kay is survived by a daughter, Sharon (Dick) Freehling of Southlake; grandchildren: Ross (Sophia) Freehling of The Colony, Texas, Kali Freehling of Austin, Texas, Christopher (Corissa) Simpson and Jennifer Simpson of Indiana; great-grandchildren: Karissa (Israel), Madison, Chad and Cade; and great-great grandchildren: Makenzee, Delilah, Izabel and Luciana.

Interment will be at Galien Township Cemetary, Galien, at a later date.

You will forever be our Queen and the Funny Grandma. Sweet dreams Mom.

Robert Milo Clem

Jan. 6, 1962 – Nov. 9, 2020

Robert Milo Clem, 58, of Hartford passed away suddenly Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, in Watervliet Township.

Robert was born Jan. 6, 1962, in St. Joseph the son of Robert Sr. and Luetta (Tittle) Clem, both of whom precede him in passing.

Robert drove truck for a number of years. In his spare time, he loved camping and being outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Robert married Colleen (Rokos) Clem on Aug. 12, 2000, and she survives; along with a step-daughter, Courtney (Dewayne) Shelton of Kalamazoo; two sisters: Pam Meyers of Baroda and Carla Holub of Florida; two nieces; two nephews, and six great nieces.

Robert has been cremated, and a memorial celebration of his life will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Church Keeler, with Pastor Jesse Maya officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be made to the family. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave a condolence message for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Linda Fae Rohl

Dec. 13, 1940 – Nov. 12, 2020

Linda Fae Rohl, 79, of Buchanan passed away Nov. 12, 2020.

She was born to the late Theodore Adcox and Eunice Kelly on Dec. 13, 1940.

After getting her high school diploma, she graduated beauty school and worked as a beautician. On April 9, 1960, she married Arthur Rohl Sr., and together they had three sons. In her free time she enjoyed gardening, cooking, and doing makeup.

She is survived by sons: David Rohl, Arthur Rohl Jr., Jeff Rohl; sister, Peggy Trumps; grandchildren: Matt, Ben, Heather, Elizabeth, Josh and Caleb; great-grandchildren: Emily, Olivia, Scarlet, Colten, Lea, Evan and Magnolia.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Theodore and Eunice Adcox; husband, Arthur Sr.; and sister, Patsy Adcox.

Visitation for Linda will be at noon Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Hoven Funeral Home. Funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Galien Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Chester Leshman

June 30, 1921 – Nov. 10, 2020

Chester Edward Leshman, 99, of Three Oaks died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020.

He was born June 30, 1921, in Cicero, Ill., to William Henry and Celia Leshman.

He married Jean Catherine Siwicki, on June 8, 1940, in Cicero. She preceded him in death Jan. 25, 2000. He then married Charlotte Virginia Harradon Griner on Nov. 6, 2002, in LaPorte, Ind. She also preceded him in death on Sept. 28, 2019.

Chester proudly served our country in the U.S. Army in World War II. While in the Army, he earned the title of 7th Battalion Boxing Champion in 1944, weighing in at a mere 127 pounds. He would proudly share his stories about his time in the war, especially the time he met General George S. Patton. Chester was a member of the Randall Couchman American Legion Post 204 in Three Oaks and the VFW in Michigan City, Ind., where he enjoyed dinner Friday evenings with his wife, Charlotte.

He worked for and retired from Bendix and ran his own painting business. Many knew him as Chief, Godfather, or Grandpa Leshman, and he was once given the title "The Don of Three Oaks" in an article in a local newspaper. He was an avid listener of Donna Kavanagh on the Three Oaks radio station, and had the pleasure of being a guest on her show.

Grandpa Leshman was known for buying up all the bicycles at the local police auction and giving them out to neighborhood kids who didn't have one. He believed that all kids should have a bike to ride.

Chester was a creature of habit and loved to speak of how he had the cure for cancer (or at least a preventative) ... beets. He would share this information with whoever he thought would best benefit from it. He ate beets at lunch almost every day and lived to be 99, so apparently, he was doing something right.

Chester will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his daughter, Peggy (Mike) Roberts of Galien; stepdaughter, Regina (John) Adamson of Sawyer; one son, Bruce (Bonnie) Leshman of Bridgman; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents; Chester was preceded in death by his wife, Jean; two daughters: Barbara Leshman and Carol Lindgren; one stepson, Terry Griner Sr.; and his wife, Charlotte.

Family and friends will gather from 11 a.m. until time of service at noon in Calvary Tabernacle Church, 606 N. Elm St., Three Oaks.

Mr. Leshman will be laid to rest with his beloved wife, Jean, in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Three Oaks.

The family prefers that contributions in Chester's memory be made to Boys Town, 14100 Crawford Street, Boys Town, NE 68010, or at Boystown.org.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Emilija Vengianskas

Jan. 17, 1918 – Nov. 1, 2020

Emilija Vengianskas, 102, of Lakeside died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020.

She was born Jan. 17, 1918, in Sioux City, Iowa to Joseph and Julia Morkunas.

At the age of 3, her family immigrated back to Lithuania. She married Edmundas Vengianskas in 1941 in Lithuania. They immigrated to the United States in 1949. He preceded in her in death Feb. 15, 2007.

Emilija was an avid gardener and her flowers made people smile. She was always very athletic. She was a strong woman who was very independent into her late 90s.

Emilija will be greatly missed by family and friends.

She is survived by her niece, and family in Lithuania. A special thank you to Regina Albrecht for being her good friend, and to Caring Circle Hospice for the care they gave.

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Karin Bielefeld

April 3, 1952 – Oct. 28, 2020

Karin Bielefeld, 68, of Watervliet died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020, at Rose Arbor Hospice Center, Kalamazoo, succumbing to cancer after a brave yearlong battle. Her last weeks saw a beautiful outpouring of love from her many friends and former students. Her passing was peaceful and she spent the evening listening to her late sister Bev's beautiful songs, surrounded by people who love her.

She was born April 3, 1952, in Munich, Germany, and grew up in St. Joseph. She graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1970.

Karin was a gifted equestrian instructor and trained hundreds of students over the years. For Karin, riding and training weren't only about winning; her true gift was healing both horse and rider, physically and emotionally. Her unwavering belief that all horses (and riders) could be saved will be greatly missed. She will join her Lord as a faithful servant, and be reunited with her sisters, mother and father.

Although Karin is no longer here in flesh, her spirit will live on within many of us.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Rolf and Christiane (Renker) Bielefeld, and sisters: Beverly Bielefeld Hahn, and Edith Carver.

She is survived by her aunt, Antoinette Bower of Los Angeles; brothers-in-law: Jim (Melissa) Hahn of St. Joseph, and Jim Carver of Oklahoma City, Okla.; nieces: Kelsey Hahn (Eric Fergison) of Madison, Wis., and Christin McLeod (Brad Brantley) of Oklahoma City; nephew, Brent (Tammy) McLeod, and grand-niece, Audrey McLeod of Los Angeles.

A heartfelt thank you to Stacey Lawrence for the love and caring she shared with Karin in her final chapter of life.

A celebration of life in honor of our beloved Karin will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 21, at His Place Cathedral of Faith, 69556 CR 378, Covert, MI 49043.

Judy K. Smallwood

Oct. 11, 1942 – Nov. 11, 2020

Judy Kay Smallwood, 78, of Niles was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on Nov. 11, 2020.

Judy was born Oct. 11, 1942, in Niles to the late Edward and Betty Loos.

On May 12, 1962, she married Ralph L. Smallwood at a ceremony in Niles. Together they shared 58 years of marriage.

Judy was employed by the Cass County Road Commission for 12 years and was honored as Employee of the Year in 1997. She was well respected and appreciated by everyone for both her sincere interest in the lives of fellow employees and proficiency in her work.

Judy's heart for serving the Lord and genuine love for others was a thread that was woven all throughout her life. She was a board certified Biblical counselor and professional life coach which she used, along with her God-given gifts, as director of counseling at Berrien Center Bible Church for 14 years. Because of her deep abiding love and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, she was able to point others in the direction of God's redemption and restoration in the lives of so many.

Judy is survived by her loving husband, Ralph Smallwood; children: Jeffrey (Sylvia) Smallwood of South Bend and Steven (Sandy) Smallwood of Taylors, S.C.; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

"Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her" (Proverbs 31:28).

In keeping with Judy's wishes, her family will remember her privately.

Memories and condolences may be share with her family at www.BrownFuneralHoneNiles.com. The family of Judy Smallwood is being cared for by Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles.

Clara M. Motts

June 19, 1928 – Nov. 11, 2020

Clara M. Motts, 92, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, at Greencroft Healthcare, Goshen, Ind.

She was born June 19, 1928, in St. Joseph to Daniel and Mildred (Quade) Pschigoda.

She graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1947 and for the next five years she worked at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago while taking voice and piano lessons.

On Sept. 24, 1955, she married Norman E. Motts in St. Joseph and moved to South Bend. She retired from Associate Loans after 24 years.

Survivors include a sister, Loraine Pschigoda of Portage, Mich.; a niece, Nancy (Jim) Myers, and nephew, Craig (Donna) Kretchman, both of Niles; three great-nieces; two great-nephews; many great-great-nieces and nephews; and special friend, Linda Lambright of Goshen, Ind.

Along with her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Roy; and a brother, Martin Pschigoda.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Riverview Cemetery, 2300 Portage Ave., South Bend.

Memorial donations may be given to First United Methodist Church, 214 S. 5th St., Goshen, IN 46526, where she was a member, or Greencroft Healthcare, 1225 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN 46526.

Online condolences may be shared at www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Death notices

Karin Bielefeld, 68, of Watervliet died Oct. 28, 2020, at Rose Arbor Hospice Center, Kalamazoo.

Robert Milo Clem, 58, of Hartford died Nov. 9, 2020. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Azzaria Gunn, 31, of Niles died Nov. 12, 2020, at her home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Michael "Mike" Lewis Heckathorn, 77, of Three Oaks died Oct. 24, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Patricia Hoadley, 70, of Niles died Nov. 7, 2020. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683 3000.

Chester Edward Leshman, 99, of Three Oaks died Nov. 10, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Clara M. Motts, 92, died Nov. 11, 2020, at Greencroft Healthcare, Goshen, Ind. Yoder Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, Ind., 574-533-3153.

Gary Robertson, 68, of Coloma died Nov. 11, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Linda Fae Rohl, 79, of Buchanan died Nov. 12, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Kathryn "Kay" Margaret Simpson, 92, of Southlake, Texas, formerly of Galien, and Hernando, Fla., died Nov. 2, 2020. Lucas Funeral Home, Hurst, Texas, 817-284-7271.

Judy Smallwood, 78, of Niles died Nov. 11, 2020. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Cheryl Smith, 52, of Benton Harbor died Oct. 25, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Priscilla Marie Snyder, 87, of Stevensville died Nov. 6, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Gary Eugene Wolf, 62, of Niles died Nov. 13, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Alan McKee Sr.

Alan Hamilton McKee Sr., 84, passed over peacefully surrounded by his family on Oct. 26, 2020.

Due to the current circumstance, Alan's visitation has been postponed until springtime.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 Lane Drive, St. Joseph, MI, or Special Olympics, Attn: Web Gifts 1133 19th St. NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3604.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Priscilla Snyder

Priscilla Marie Snyder, 87, of Stevensville suffered a stroke and passed away suddenly Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids.

Services will be held privately for the family with a celebration of life to be scheduled next summer. Burial will take place at Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Monday Musical, Inc., c/o Elizabeth Wooley, 4270 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Priscilla is survived by her husband, Francis "Vern" Snyder; her daughters: Julie Snyder, Linda (Mark Walker) Krager-Walker, and Sue (David) Richardson; her grandchildren: Melissa (Matthew) Chesney, Aaron (Keri) Krager, Scarlett (Lauren) Morgan, Steven Walker; her great-grandchildren: Jewel Bounauito, and the Chesneys: TJ, Brandon, Bradley, Nolan, and Sara; sisters in love: Darlene (Lew) Gilbert, and Marville (Ron) Gilbert; and many nieces, nephews, great-nephews, and nieces; and of course Daisy, her loving puppy companion.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers: Lew and Ron Gilbert. The Gilbert family is singing in the eternal choir together again.

Gary Robertson

Sept. 19, 1952 – Nov. 11, 2020

Gary's life began Sept. 19, 1952, in Watervliet. He grew up in Watervliet where he lived most of his life and graduated high school.

Gary worked as a union brick layer for BAC Brick Layers for many years and then ran his own construction and concrete company. Outside of work Gary enjoyed following sports, especially the Cubs and NASCAR, and meeting up with his friends to talk sports. He also liked to shoot pool and play poker.

Gary was a great guy and will be missed by his family, which includes his son, Tyrone Robertson; two grandchildren: Taiya Cole and Olivia Kirkwood; his sister, Brenda Robertson; a nephew, Robert DuMont; a niece, Sarah DuMont; and special friends: Patricia and Scott Caprez.

Gary died Nov. 11, 2020, at home. His daughter, Keriann Robertson; parents: Orville and Wanda (Alexander) Robertson, and a sister, Debra DuMont, precede Gary in death.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet is assisting Gary's family with cremation and he will then be buried with his daughter, parents and sister in Watervliet Cemetery.

Gary's friends and family will gather at a later date to celebrate his life. You are welcome to leave a message of comfort for his family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

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OBITUARY

Michael Heckathorn

April 24, 1943 – Oct. 24, 2020

Michael "Mike" Lewis Heckathorn, 77, of Three Oaks died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020.

He was born April 24, 1943, in Three Oaks to Milburn "Mick" and Rosemary (Kramer) Heckathorn.

He married Donna Day DeWaters on Aug. 7, 1965, in Three Oaks. Mike and Donna lived in various places, ultimately coming back home to the Three Oaks area to raise their family.

Mike attended school in Three Oaks, graduating in 1961. He played several sports, excelling in basketball and golf. He also attended Ferris State College and then graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in education. While at Ferris, Mike was able to play several seasons with the men's basketball team.

For over 17 years, Mike was involved in teaching at the high school level and coached basketball for many years at the high school and junior college level. When Mike left teaching, he began a second career in banking with the Bank of Three Oaks. He was one of the founders of Alliance Bank and eventually became president before it was sold to Horizon Bank.

Growing up, Mike was a member of St. John's Church in Three Oaks. Mike was a past member of Chikaming Open Lands and was also a long-time member and past president of Chikaming Country Club, where he spent many enjoyable moments. Even when his health prevented him from playing golf, he still enjoyed just being at the golf course for several hours each day.

Mike will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Donna Heckathorn of Three Oaks; two sons: Jason (Cathy) Heckathorn of Three Oaks and Justin (Kristine) Heckathorn of Grand Rapids; six grandchildren: Kendall, Carson, Devon, Natalyn, Joslyn and Micah; one sister, Lynda (Rick) Whitfield of Hobe Sound, Fla.; one sister-in-law, Christine (Rick) Quinn of Charleston, S.C.; one nephew, Aaron (Christine) Quinn of Charleston; one great-nephew, Owen; one great-niece, Emma; and a host of cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother-in-law, Rick Carroll; and one niece, Ashley Carroll.

The family will observe a private remembrance at this time. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service at a later date and time, to be announced, when it is safer for everyone to attend.

Mr. Heckathorn will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Three Oaks.

The family prefers contributions in Mike's memory be made to Three Oaks Township Public Library, 3 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, MI 49128; Chikaming Open Lands, 12291 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer, MI 49125; American Diabetes Association, 1550 E. Beltline SE, Suite 250, Grand Rapids, MI 49306; or American Heart Association, 3940 Peninsular Drive SE, Suite 180, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

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BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Niles – Girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, Mikayla and Christopher Lighthart, 7:03 p.m. Nov. 11.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Boy, 9 pounds, 13 ounces, Jessica Allen and Justin Walker, 4:27 a.m. Nov. 5.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, Emmie and Davie Mangold, 8:24 p.m. Nov. 11.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, Andresha Robinson, 3:35 a.m. Nov. 11.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, Jazmyn Sanders, 7:14 a.m. Nov. 9.

Buchanan – Boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, Ashlyn Pastryk and Dakota Forler, 8:30 a.m. Oct. 22.

Coloma – Girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, Kayly Hoffman and Eric Greathouse, 5:10 p.m. Nov. 4.

Coloma – Girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, Jordyn Jones and Dakota Selby, 11:56 a.m. Nov. 9.

St. Joseph – Boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, Samantha Rowe and Zuinton Hernandez, 7:08 p.m. Nov. 10.

St. Joseph – Girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Jordan and Evan Smith, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Hillary Espinal and Michael Robert Fowler both of Benton Harbor.

Diane Marie Farlie of Michigan City, Ind., and Jerry Clayton Smith of Galien.

Violette Rosen-Cadence Hall and Cory Nicholas Sobralski of Benton Harbor.

Stacey Jean Lester and Eric John Mulson both of Stevensville.

PIPELINE

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protective cover violated the state's duty to protect the public's interest in Great Lakes waters and bottomlands, the document said.

It referred to a Michigan Technological University report that said oil discharged in the straits could harm fish and foul hundreds of miles of beaches, dunes and wetlands.

The notice said Enbridge repeatedly violated a requirement that the pipelines rest on the lake bed or have other supports at least every 75 feet (22 meters). Spaces exceeding the threshold have been detected as far back as 1963 and most were never dealt with, it said.

Enbridge has repeatedly defended its operation of the pipeline, saying the coating gaps posed no serious threat. It has installed more than 120 supports to improve stability and stepped up patrols and other measures to prevent anchor strikes.

The company said shutting down Line 5 would cause shortages of crude oil for refineries in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and eastern Canada, as well as propane shortages in northern Michigan. It also would boost shipments of oil by rail or trucks, Enbridge said.

"Today's move would kill jobs and increase fuel costs," said Geno Alessandrini of the Michigan Laborers Union, which joined industry groups in criticizing Whitmer's decision. "That's the last thing Michigan needs as we work to overcome the coronavirus pandemic."

Republican state Sen. Jim Stamas said the governor had sided with "environmental extremists" instead of "hard-working Northern Michigan families."

Democratic U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, a member of the Senate committee that oversees the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, endorsed Whitmer's move and said he would work with officials "to swiftly evaluate alternatives to Line 5 while continuing to hold Enbridge accountable."

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

General manager Ray Mays wears a mask as he cleans a window at Silver Harbor Brewing Co. in St. Joseph on Thursday.

COLD

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business after (the pandemic) is over."

Silver Harbor has designated two parking spots for picking up orders. Gross also set to work upgrading the brewery's HVAC system, adding hand sanitizing stations throughout the building and spacing tables out.

Gross also said they won't allow patrons to wait inside for a table this winter. Instead, they are encouraging guests to check in online through the No Wait mobile app, to limit any congestion at the front of the restaurant.

He explored the options of adding outdoor igloos that other breweries, such as Beer Church Brewing Co. in New Buffalo is using. But space has limited those options.

Staffing is another matter to consider. Gross said they are doing everything they can to preserve its staff, but business has slowed down compared to the summer. They have 50 employees year-round, with up to 100 during peak season.

"The winter months are going to be a huge challenge. I think we can expect an alarming number of closures," Gross said. "You will have guests concerned with indoor dining. You'll see local restaurants drastically reduce their hours. Unfortunately, there are a lot of restaurants in prime locations with high, fixed costs. It's hard to stomach that for a long period of time.

"I do foresee a good portion or restaurants closing and not returning."

Customers can download food and drink menus using their phone to avoid the handling of paper copies at Silver Harbor Brewing Co. in St. Joseph.

By the numbers

Abrupt closures, inconsistent reopenings, changes in public health guidance for operations and other state-mandated orders have pushed the food service industry to the brink.

In mid-September, Yelp released its latest Economic Impact Report, which revealed the restaurant industry to be among the most impacted with an increasing number of closures.

As of Aug. 31, the country had seen 32,109 closures, with 19,590 of these business closures indicated to be permanent.

Breakfast and brunch restaurants, burger joints, sandwich shops, dessert places and Mexican restaurants are among the types of restaurants with the highest rate of closing.

Foods that work well for delivery and takeout have been able to keep their closure rates lower than others, including pizza places, delis, food trucks, bakeries and coffee shops.

Some restaurants have enjoyed unique advantages during the pandemic. Clementine's Too in St. Joseph used its large deck to its advantage this summer. With its 16 outdoor tables, the restaurant by the river could seat about 60 people outside.

However, Manager Tom Tinkey knows that customers won't want to sit outside in the cold.

"I do not believe we will have outdoor seating. We've talked about getting heaters and plastic," Tinkey said. "Just like everybody else, we're waiting for something to happen to clarify things. Until that time, we are doing what we need to do to get the job done."

Working with a 50 percent indoor seating capacity, Tinkey said they also hope to supplement its loss in revenue with to-go orders.

Jim Kramer, who owns Schu's Restaurant and Tim's Too in downtown St. Joseph, said they will try to keep the outdoor area open for as long as they can.

In an effort to make it feasible, Kramer bought a few large tube heaters.

Kramer said the carry-out business at Schu's since March has been great. He attributes this to the 30 to 40 percent of people who aren't willing to dine in during the pandemic.

"Overall, restaurants have done a good job," Kramer said, discussing measures such as extra cleaning. "Nobody wants anybody to get sick, so we're very careful in what we do. It costs more money in having your staff doing these things."

Kramer anticipates some restaurants may try to survive the winter by closing temporarily.

"There are some restaurants that close for a month anyway in the winter because it is considered the slow time of the year," Kramer said. "Maybe now these businesses will be closed for two to three months and then come back in the spring."

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and Senate members to test positive for the virus.

"Upon my diagnosis, I began informing individuals I had been in close contact with and decided to inform my constituents and the public as well, to reinforce that COVID-19 is in our community. It is real and can infect anyone," she said.

LaSata said she's "done her best" to adhere to frequent hand washing, social distancing and wearing a mask.

"When this pandemic began, I sewed masks for my family and we wear them to protect ourselves and those most vulnerable. Let's not forget COVID-19 is serious and can be deadly. Keep your guard up. Look out for each other," she said.

Some Democratic Senate colleagues are reportedly unhappy with LaSata's decision to attend Senate functions while she was awaiting the test result.

"I am irked," state Sen. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor, told the Michigan Advance news site. Geiss is a caregiver for a parent who is suffering from a significant health challenge, and Geiss said she sat near LaSata at a committee meeting. "In the interest of public health, you skip the vote."

COVID

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the BCHD reports recoveries. About 1,919 people had recovered from the virus as of Friday, an addition of 38 people over Thursday. That's about 49 percent of the total confirmed cases.

Hamel said Spectrum Health Lakeland still has enough personal protection equipment (PPE), but is starting to run low on staff, with many in quarantine.

Spectrum Health Lakeland still had 47 COVID-19-positive patients admitted Friday morning. That's the fifth day in a row at 47 patients. That's up from 39 last Friday.

Hamel said COVID in-patients could average around 60 if this wave continues to grow.

"(Taking the precautions) matters more now than ever before," he said. "We can accommodate a little more, but if we have a lot more, we're going to run out of the ability to take care of other health care needs."

Britten and Hamel said people should be extremely careful about gathering for Thanksgiving.

"My family is playing the long-game and making sure our vulnerable family members are at Thanksgiving next year and the year after that," Britten said.

Closures

Berrien County announced Friday that it will close public access to county buildings starting Monday due to the spread of COVID-19.

Many county services will remain available via telephone, email, fax and through the website. Some services may be available by making an appointment.

"The county is committed to serving its residents to the greatest extent possible, especially during times of crisis," officials wrote in a news release. "The decision to limit public access to county buildings was made in consultation with the BCHD and based on current recommendations for social distancing."

Residents may access a detailed contact list for the various departments on the Berrien County website at www.berriencounty.org. In addition, all departments have their own page within the website.

Also, The Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor announced Friday that it would be suspending in-person programming.

Starting Monday the club will activate its free meal distribution to children 18 years of age and under 3-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Fettig Youth Campus and the Joel E. Smilow Teen Center.

In addition, the club will distribute activity kits to reduce learning loss and maintain a sense of belonging at the club. Starting Nov. 30, virtual programming will be offered.

Van Buren/Cass

Van Buren and Cass counties are also seeing out-of-control spread of the virus.

Van Buren County recorded about 400 new cases this week. The previous week the county recorded about 224 cases, and about 175 cases the week before that.

Cass County recorded about 293 new cases this week. The previous week the county recorded about 146 new cases, with about 131 the week before that.

Van Buren County recorded five COVID-19 deaths this week, while Cass County recorded one.

Van Buren County's percent positivity rate was 16 percent on Monday, with about 484 tests being done each day.

Cass County had a 15 percent positivity rate, with about 211 tests being done daily.

There are now 719 people recovered in Cass County, or about 50 percent of the 1,415 total cases.

Van Buren County has 816 recovered, or about 47 percent of the 1,723 total cases.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

It's been more than a year since Joe Lomonaco has waited on customers at this grocery store in Benton Township. He hopes to unveil his retail store and wholesale meat processing plant by Thanksgiving. Fire destroyed the former Lomonaco's Grocery in June 1994. Lomonaco's Old Fashioned Meat Market and Grocery will contain a 100-foot-long meat counter that will be filled with a full line of fresh-cut pork, beef and poultry products. Customers also will have a wider selection of groceries and frozen food products.

1985 – 35 years ago

Santa Claus and a host of characters will arrive Saturday to start the Christmas season at The Orchards Mall in Benton Township. Santa and his friends will be parading through the mall before arriving at the center court, where he will be meeting youngsters during the Christmas season. Members of Brownie Troop 14 from E.P. Clarke Elementary School in St. Joseph will sing carols when the parade arrives at the center court.

1970 – 50 years ago

Coloma's 24-man volunteer fire department is featured in an article written by Coloma author Ted J. Rakstis for the National Elks magazine's November edition. Rakstis wrote "Am American Tradition: The Volunteer Firemen," a four-page story with pictures taken by Wes Stafford, a photographer for this newspaper. The Coloma department and its volunteers are cited as one of the best examples of a volunteer department anywhere.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Nov. 14, the 319th day of 2020. There are 47 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 14, 1970, a chartered Southern Airways DC-9 crashed while trying to land in West Virginia, killing all 75 people on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

On this date:

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick; Or, The Whale" was published in the United States, almost a month after being released in Britain.

In 1910, Eugene B. Ely became the first aviator to take off from a ship as his Curtiss pusher rolled off a sloping platform on the deck of the scout cruiser USS Birmingham off Hampton Roads, Virginia.

In 1915, African-American educator Booker T. Washington, 59, died in Tuskegee, Alabama.

In 1965, the U.S. Army's first major military operation of the Vietnam War began with the start of the five-day Battle of Ia Drang. (The fighting between American troops and North Vietnamese forces ended on Nov. 18 with both sides claiming victory.)

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

In 1990, it was revealed that the pop duo Milli Vanilli (Rob Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan) had done none of the singing on their Grammy-winning debut album, "Girl You Know It's True."

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Scattered Rain	Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
50°	44°	48° / 37°	49° / 36°	40° / 32°	45° / 39°

Local Outlook

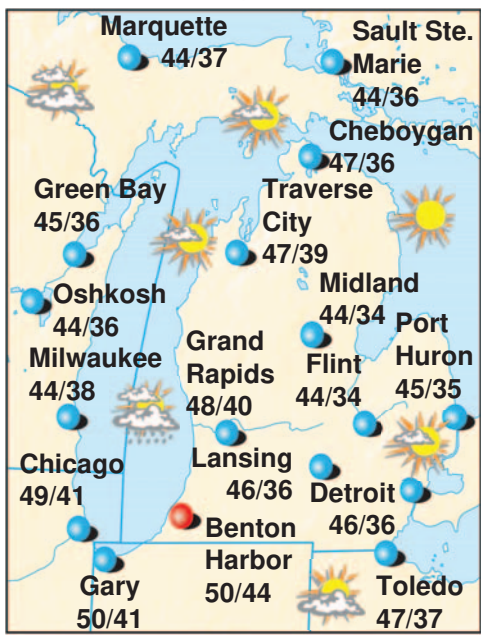
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 45% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 50°, humidity of 47%. Southeast wind 8 to 19 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 95% chance of rain, overnight low of 44°. South wind 19 to 24 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:35 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:24 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 6:39 a.m.
Moonset ..... 5:20 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
11/15	11/21	11/30	12/7

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	39°
Low	27°
Normal High	50°
Normal Low	34°
Record High	71° in 1999
Record Low	7° in 2019

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.03"
Month to date	0.45"
Normal for month	1.60"
Year to date	30.69"
Normal Year to date	33.60"

Air Quality

Yesterday 92
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

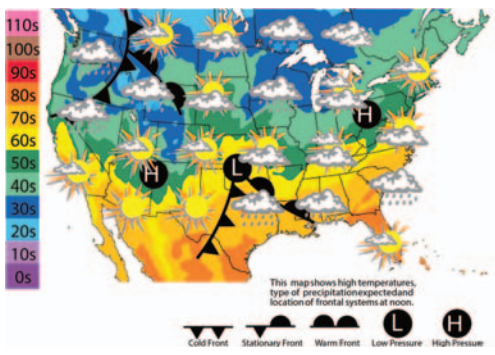
Weather Trivia

Rainfall that appears on radar but doesn't hit the ground is called?

Answer: Virga

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 14, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SSE wind 13 to 19 kt, with gusts as high as 25 kt. A chance of showers. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 39 degrees. Tonight, SSE wind 22 to 25 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the 40s. South southeast wind 8 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with widespread showers and snow showers, highs in the 40s. Southwest wind 16 to 25 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with isolated rain, highs in the 40s and 50s. Southeast wind 8 to 19 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with scattered rain and showers, highs in the 40s and 50s.

Michigan officer on leave after rough arrest of suspect

LANSING (AP) — A police officer in Michigan's capital has been placed on leave after video revealed an aggressive arrest of an assault suspect who pleaded "I can't breathe."

The incident involved at least five Lansing officers who pinned the 25-year-old man to the ground Tuesday night and ordered him to stop resisting, the Lansing State Journal reported.

Police were responding to a report of a street fight involving five or six people, police spokesman Robert Merritt said.

"During the lengthy struggle to secure the suspect, officers deployed a Taser and delivered strikes," Merritt said.

Video by a witness in a car shows the man asking, "Why are you hitting me?" At other points, he professed his innocence and said, "I can't breathe." The officers got off him and were told to roll him over so he could breathe.

The arrest took place amid a steady rain. The man was taken to a hospital for an evaluation and then transported to a police lockup, Merritt said.

Police Chief Daryl Green placed one officer on leave with pay while the actions of all officers at the scene are investigated, Merritt said.

"I support police Chief Green's decision to send all the information related to this incident to the Michigan State Police for an independent external review of the incident and then to the Ingham County prosecutor for review of any criminality," Mayor Andy Schor said.

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Lakeshore vs. St. Joseph football

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- Read about the game online at www.TheHP.com
- Watch for coverage in Tuesday's printed version of The HP.

Fading Bears look to stop skid against resurgent Vikings

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears are piling up losses, looking more like a team fading from contention in the NFC North than one poised to make a run at the division.

Despite the recent defeats, they insist they are not a beaten team.

The Bears get a chance to prove it in primetime and stop a three-game losing streak when they host the resurgent Minnesota Vikings on Monday night.

Chicago (5-4) has won four straight over the Vikings (3-5) and is 4-0 against them since coach Matt Nagy took over in 2018. The Bears have been particularly dominant at Soldier Field, winning 14 of 17 against Minnesota since the stadium reopened in 2003 following renovations.

But they are hardly looking good at the moment. They really haven't been since they kicked off the season.

Even when they were 5-1, the Bears weren't exactly stirring visions of a Super Bowl championship. Their offense has ranked among the worst in the NFL all year. And that hasn't changed much since quarterback Nick Foles replaced Mitchell Trubisky in a Week 3 win at Atlanta.

"Why would we pack it in?" receiver Allen Robinson said. "We're sitting second in our division, seven games left. There's no need to panic and pack it in at all. At the end of the day, we know the kind of players that we have on this offense."

The past three games have been particularly tough for Chicago.

The Bears got dominated in a Monday night loss to the Rams in Los Angeles, then lost in overtime to New Orleans at Soldier Field. At Tennessee last week, the Bears didn't score until the fourth quarter, and two late touchdowns made a 24-17 loss look closer than it really was.

The Vikings, meanwhile, got tripped up in a 1-5 start that included one-point losses to Tennessee and Seattle. But wins over Green Bay and Detroit following a bye have them in contention.

They can thank Dalvin Cook. The NFL's rushing leader has 478 yards and six TDs from scrimmage over the past two weeks.

"Part of it is sticking to it and believing you can get some wins," coach Mike Zimmer said. "I talked to them, I guess a few weeks ago: 'Just believe.' You've got to believe that you're going to pull these games out, the ones we didn't win early."

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Ben Margot / AP

Chicago Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson (12) catches a pass as he is defended by Tennessee Titans cornerback Malcolm Butler in the second half of a Nov. 8 game.

Washington, Lions have much at stake despite losing records

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

DETROIT — At first glance, it may not appear that Washington or the Detroit Lions have much at stake in their matchup because their combined record is 5-11.

Both teams, though, have plenty to play for Sunday at Ford Field – and the rest of the season.

Washington (2-6) still has a shot to win the NFC East and host a playoff game because Philadelphia (3-4-1) is in first place despite having a losing record.

"We're still in it," Washington coach Ron Rivera said. "Let's be realistic. What's the best record in our division? See my point?"

The Lions (3-5) are led by embattled coach Matt Patricia, who is hoping to help them finish well enough that ownership retains him again. Even though Patricia's future with the franchise has been questioned publicly for more than a year, he hasn't looked or sounded much different after any of his 12 wins, 27 losses or one tie over two-plus seasons in Detroit.

"I probably get a little bit of that from my dad," Patricia said. "I think he was just a real, steady kind of guy and handled a lot of situations pretty remarkably.

"You have to stay consistent every single day. That way, when things aren't going well you have to focus on what you have to do to get better."

Smith's start

Washington quarterback Alex Smith is expected to start for the first time since breaking his right tibia and fibula nearly two years ago. Smith, who has played in two games this season, is confident he will be in a better position to have success after a full week of snaps with the first-team offense.

"I feel like I'm ready to roll," said Smith, who threw for 325 yards, a touchdown and three interceptions in last week's loss to the New York Giants.

Peterson's reunion tour

Lions running back Adrian Peterson will face a former team for the fourth time in a seven-game span.

"Yeah, I noticed that," he said. "It's pretty cool."

Peterson spent the previous two seasons with Washington, rushing for 1,940 yards and 12 touchdowns. Rivera cut him in favor of younger options and knows the 35-year-old Peterson will be

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David J. Phillip / AP

Dustin Johnson hits out of a bunker on the eighth hole during the second round of the Masters on Friday.

No fore for these four

Johnson, Thomas part of 4-way share atop Masters leaderboard

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — A long day in the small window of daylight that comes with a Masters in November didn't settle anything except that Dustin Johnson is playing like the No. 1 player and Justin Thomas has finally figured out Augusta National.

They were among four players atop the leaderboard Friday when the second round was halted by darkness, a product of the most unusual Masters ever trying to catch up from a three-hour weather delay at the start.

Among those still on the course was Tiger Woods, stuck in neutral on a day when the greens picked up a little more speed and the autumn leaves shook slightly with some wind. Bryson DeChambeau was struggling to make the cut after a lost ball that led to a triple bogey.

What two days have shown is that Masters experience only goes so far on a soft course with rye grass that isn't grown in quite the way it usually is in April.

Abraham Ancer, one of 26 newcomers to the Masters, ran off six birdies in his round of 5-under 67 that allowed him to join Johnson (70) and Thomas (69) as part of the clubhouse lead at 9-under 135. Also tied was Cameron Smith of Australia, who played his last four holes with an eagle and three straight birdies for a 68.

Another Masters rookie, Sungjae Im (70), was in the group another shot behind that included Patrick Cantlay (66), who contended for the green jacket last year.

"You have to really throw all the past knowledge out the window this week, as weird as it is," Thomas said. "A lot of the history and things that you know about the golf course, it can sometimes hurt you this week because of what you're used to. But at the end of the day, it is a lot softer and a lot more scorable."

He served up one example from Friday morning when he was among 44 players who had to finish his opening round. Thomas was well left of the 15th green in two with the pin to the right, leaving a pitch that typically is nearly impossible to hit close. He hit a hard, low

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David J. Phillip / AP

Justin Thomas hits on the 12th hole during the second round of the Masters on Friday.

Hall of Famer Paul Hornung dies at 84

HORNUNG

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Paul Hornung, the dazzling "Golden Boy" of the Green Bay Packers whose singular ability to generate points as a runner, receiver, quarterback and kicker helped turn the team into an NFL dynasty, died Friday. He was 84.

Hornung's family confirmed his death to the Louisville Sports Commission and to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In July 2016, Hornung sued equipment manufacturer Riddell Inc., saying football helmets he wore during his professional career failed to protect him from brain injury. Hornung suffered multiple concussions with the Packers and had been diagnosed with dementia, the lawsuit said.

Hornung won the 1956 Heisman Trophy at Notre Dame. He was the NFL MVP in 1961 and played on four championship teams (1961, '62, '65 and '66).

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1986.

Hornung and another of the league's top stars, Detroit's Alex Karras, were suspended for 1963 by Commissioner Pete Rozelle for betting on NFL games and associating with undesirable persons. They returned to the NFL the next year.

Hornung won the Heisman as a quarterback. But he switched to halfback in the pros and was one of the NFL's most dynamic players in Green Bay.

Playing alongside numerous future Hall of Famers, the blond, fun-loving Hornung was a favorite of Packers coach Vince Lombardi, who thought of the young star as a son and singled him out for praise and chastisement. Frequent fines for missing curfew were forgiven once the game started, especially when the dashing No. 5 got close to the end zone.

"In the middle of the field he may be only slightly better than an average ballplayer," Lombardi once said, "but inside the 20-yard line he is one of the greatest I have ever seen. He smells that goal line."

Hornung already was on the team when Lombardi arrived in Green Bay in 1959. The Packers made Hornung the first pick of the 1957 draft after he won the Heisman Trophy for a Notre Dame team that went 2-8.

Hornung teamed with bruising fullback Jim Taylor for one of the NFL's greatest backfields. They were known for the unstoppable power sweeps led by guards Jerry Kramer and Fuzzy Thurston. But Hornung was also a force as a passer, blocker, receiver and kicker. He finished his nine-year career with 760 points on 62 touchdowns, 66 field goals

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Breakthrough for women: Marlins hire Ng as GM

John Raoux / AP

Los Angeles Dodgers assistant general manager Kim Ng walks through the hotel lobby during the first day of Major League Baseball general managers meetings in 2007.

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

MIAMI — Kim Ng started her Major League Baseball career as an intern, and three decades later she's still on the rise while shattering ceilings.

Ng became the majors' highest-ranking woman and Asian American in baseball operations when she was hired Friday as general manager of the Miami Marlins. She is believed to be the first female GM in a major professional sport in North America, the Marlins said.

"I think this is the most noteworthy day for baseball since Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947," said Richard Lapchick, an expert on race and gender in sports at the University of Central Florida.

Ng (pronounced Ang) won three World Series rings while spending 21 years in the front offices of the Chicago White Sox (1990-96), New York Yankees (1998-2001) and Los Angeles Dodgers (2002-11). She spent the past nine years with MLB as a senior vice president.

"After decades of determination, it is the honor of my career to lead the Miami Marlins," Ng said in a statement. "When I got into this business, it seemed unlikely a woman would lead a major league team, but I am dogged in the pursuit of my goals. My goal is now to bring championship baseball to Miami."

Marlins CEO Derek Jeter played for the Yankees when Ng worked for them.

"We look forward to Kim bringing a wealth of knowledge and championship-level experience to the Miami Marlins," Jeter said in a statement. "Her leadership of our baseball operations team will play a major role on our path toward sustained success."

Jeter became baseball's first Black CEO after his group bought the Marlins in 2017. He then hired Caroline O'Connor, who as senior vice president is one of the highest ranking women in professional sports.

Ng, 51, becomes the fifth person to hold the Marlins' top position in baseball operations and succeeds Michael Hill, who was not retained after the 2020 season.

A virtual news conference for Ng is planned for Monday.

Izzo sends important message after COVID-19 diagnosis

He wants to be a cautionary tale. Proof that even the most cautious, protocol-following obsessive – and Tom Izzo is Tom Izzo because he is nothing if not obsessive – can test positive for the novel coronavirus.

Shawn Windsor

He has been "beating his brain" trying to figure out how he might have contracted it, trying to find where the crack in the system was hiding. Maybe he touched something and touched his eye, he wondered Monday afternoon during a news conference, when he took time from his home to let everyone know he would be just fine.

That he is just fine, despite a raspy voice, a little fatigue, an occasional chill. Despite having to now quarantine for the next nine days, away from his team, away from the place that made him, away from the program he made.

Away from the thing that gives him his identity, maybe more than even his childhood home in the Upper Peninsula. Izzo is Michigan State basketball, and he fought hard to protect it the last six months, adhering to all the rules and procedures, imploring his team in meetings – masked, of course – teaming up with the state's other prominent college coaches to tape messages on behalf of the state:

Wear. A. Mask.

He believes it makes a difference, because that's what the science says, even as he got the virus ... while wearing a mask wherever protocol dictated.

That fact, he said, won't deter his belief that masks and social distancing work. That won't deter his advocacy. If anything, he wants to use his infection to hammer it all home more.

"Don't let up for a second," he said, "especially those of you who have kids, or families. Stick to the protocol."

He understands that his getting the virus despite living in the kind of bubble many of us do not opens the system to more questions, even criticism. And he understands that his positive test Monday morning makes it look, at least in some way, that it might not matter what we do. That the virus will have its day, especially on college campuses.

He also understands that cases are going up in spots around the country, that some places are locking down again, that while no player or other coach or staff member has tested positive at MSU, plenty of players and coaches have in college football.

Clemson lost to Notre Dame because it didn't have its quarterback, Trevor Lawrence. Wisconsin has missed its last two games because of an outbreak. Izzo's good friend, Greg Kampe, Oakland University's coach, tested positive last week (and also is doing fine).

All of this is happening as a COVID-19 surge roils across the country. For months, public health doctors have warned a second wave is coming, that the winter might be as harsh as last spring in the nation's ICUs. Some hospitals are getting close to capacity again.

And schools want to hold a basketball season in spite of all this?

Well, yes, said Izzo.

"We can't quit living," he said.

He insists there is a happy medium out there, a place between scuttling the season and cramming arenas full of screaming students. He insists there will be legitimacy to the season, too, even if schools have to cancel games, as has happened in football.

"Do I think it's worth it?"

"Yes."

Of course, he does. He's a basketball coach. He lost a chance to coach in the NCAA tournament last spring just as COVID-19 began to overtake the country. He has watched other sports return, with lots of success, in the eight months since.

He wants to show that his program and his conference and his sport can be part of that success, too.

And so, he set up a news conference via Zoom on Monday afternoon, despite his infection. And while he kept it short, by his standard, meeting with reporters after a positive test is not something most high-profile coaches would do.

But, he had a message. A few of them, actually.

The virus can get anyone. He and his program will handle the adversity. His absence from his team the next nine days or so could help his players and coaches. They will have to lead themselves, even as he watches on a stream from his home.

In other words, this is an opportunity for Izzo. Because everything is an opportunity for Izzo.

"Somehow I've got to make a negative a positive," he said.

He may never know where or when he got it. He may never find the leak in the bubble. He understands that.

He also understands that his misfortune shouldn't sway anyone from the words of our public health officials.

He plans on using his megaphone to back them up as long as it takes. And he plans on watching a lot of film the next week and a half.

In the meantime, wear a mask, he said. It has nothing to do with toughness.

"I want everybody to stay safe."

Shawn Windsor is a columnist for the Detroit Free Press.

No. 13 MSU preps without Izzo

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

Michael Conroy / AP

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo gestures during the second half of a game against Purdue last season.

Michigan State's basketball program knew it would go into the season with challenges, including playing without Cassius Winston and Xavier Tillman.

The 13th-ranked Spartans were also hit with a setback no one saw coming.

Tom Izzo tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday and his team will have to do without the Hall of Fame coach leading them in person for at least a week.

"I'm hoping my team grows a little bit when they don't have me there," the 65-year-old Izzo said. "Hopefully, that will make us stronger when I do get back."

While Izzo is in isolation for a period of 10 days, dating to the first sign of symptoms on Nov. 7, practices will be led by associate head coach Dwayne Stephens. The former Spartans standout has been on Izzo's staff since 2003. His father, Dwayne Stephens Sr., died from the coronavirus in April and that is not lost on Izzo.

"Every day when we're talking about with our players, D.J. is sitting there, and I can't imagine how hard that is on him," Izzo said.

On the court, coping with the loss of Winston and Tillman will be difficult to overcome.

Winston was one of four players in Division I history to have at least 1,900 points and 850 assists. Tillman, who is skipping his senior season to enter the NBA draft, last season joined Tim Duncan and Bo Outlaw as the only college players since 1993 to average at least 13 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 blocked shots.

Aaron Henry, a preseason All-Big Ten player, chose to stay in college after initially entering the draft and is projected to be the team's best player.

"I'm a small piece to the puzzle, but I'm glad to be looked at in that light," Henry said.

The 6-foot-6 junior forward averaged 10 points, 4.6 rebounds and nearly 3 assists last season for a team that was 22-9 overall record and 14-6 in the Big Ten, finishing tied for first with Wisconsin and Maryland.

He's back

Joshua Langford, who has not played in nearly two years because of foot injuries, returns as a three-time captain. The shooting guard was averaging 15 points before his career was stunted midway through the 2018-19 season. He has started 75 games over three seasons, averaging 10 points and making more than 40 percent of his 3-point shots.

"Physically, I feel great," Langford said.

Big addition

Michigan State's most valuable player this season might prove to be Joey Hauser. The 6-9 forward transferred from Marquette and requested a waiver from the NCAA to be eligible last season instead of sitting out, but was denied. Hauser spent a year practicing with the team and working on skills and strength on his own.

"The anticipation is at all-time high right now," he said.

Hauser averaged nearly 10 points, five-plus rebounds and two-plus rebounds two years ago as a freshman. The season's schedule calls for him to face his brother, Sam, who also left Marquette and landed at Virginia.

On point

Rocket Watts, who averaged nine points as a freshman last year, and junior Foster Loyer will likely split time at point guard in place of Winston.

"Obviously, it's different because Cassius isn't here anymore, because he's a big part of our team," Langford said. "But at the same time, those guys are ready for it."

Role playing

Junior forwards Thomas Kithier, Gabe Brown and Marcus Bingham, sophomore forwards Malik Hall and Julius Marble, along with freshmen guard A.J. Hoggard and center Mady Sissoko, will have opportunities to earn spots in the playing rotation.

Up in the air

One of Michigan State's scheduled games is Dec. 9 at Virginia as part of the ACC/Big Ten challenge. The rest are being scheduled.

"Normally, you've got an exhibition game in two weeks, another one in three weeks, and then you play," Izzo said. "It breaks it up a little bit. So we're trying to find some things to do to kind of keep them motivated. But understand that nobody wants to practice for six, seven weeks, including the coaches, without a game."

Howard touts experience for his 2nd U-M team

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

Jose Juarez / AP

Michigan coach Juwan Howard calls in a play to the team as it played against Nebraska during the first half of a game last season.

ANN ARBOR — Juwan Howard has an experienced roster for his second season as Michigan's coach.

There may still be an adjustment period.

The Wolverines enter the 2020-21 season with plenty of talented upperclassmen. Included in that group are a couple transfers who could make a significant impact, but the question is how quickly the team can mesh.

"I would say the strength of our team is we have experience on all levels at all positions," Howard said. "It's great to have that experience on a team – yes, even though some of them are new guys, some haven't played together."

The Wolverines were 19-12 when last season was halted because of the coronavirus pandemic. It would have obviously been easier to evaluate Howard's first season at the helm if Michigan had been able to play through the postseason, but the focus now is on 2020-21.

Michigan lost seniors Zavier Simpson and Jon Teske, but forward Isaiah Livers and guard Eli Brooks are back this season as seniors, and forward Austin Davis returns as a grad student for his fourth year of eligibility.

The Wolverines also brought in guard Mike Smith, a grad transfer from Columbia, and guard Chaundee Brown, a senior who transferred from Wake Forest. Brown was granted immediate eligibility this season.

Guard Franz Wagner, who averaged 11.6 points per game as a freshman last season, is back. Both he and Livers passed on the NBA draft to return to Michigan.

Recruiting boost

The Wolverines had solid enough results on the court last season, but what's really driven some of the optimism about Howard's tenure is recruiting.

Michigan currently has the No. 1-ranked recruiting class in the country for 2021, according to 247Sports. The 2020 class arriving this season is ranked 15th in the nation and No. 1 in the Big Ten.

"I don't get into the ratings of No. 1 classes and stuff like that," Howard said. "I let whoever does that decide. I just go after guys that I feel that fit our culture."

Hunter Dickinson, a 7-foot-1 center, is part of this season's freshman class, along with guard Zeb Jackson and forward Terrance Williams. Jace Howard, Juwan's son, is also a freshman for the Wolverines.

Leader Livers

Livers averaged 12.9 points per game last season and shot 40 percent from 3-point range. He played only 21 games because of injury problems.

"Everyone listens to him and respects him, because he's a guy, he comes from a pure place with a big heart, and his talent level is exceptional," Howard said. "The only thing with him was, he just had a little bad luck with injuries."

Defensive questions

In 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, Michigan ranked in the top three in the country in adjusted defensive efficiency, according to kenpom.com. Last season, the Wolverines dropped to 28th, and Michigan now has to replace a defensive standout in Simpson.

Backcourt

Wagner was definitely a contributor last season, but he has some room for improvement after shooting just 31 percent from beyond the arc. Smith averaged 22.8 points a game last season at Columbia, and Brown averaged 12.1 points for Wake Forest.

Brooks started all 30 games he played last season and averaged 10.6 points.

Scheduling uncertainty

Michigan is supposed to host N.C. State on Dec. 9 as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. Beyond that, there hasn't been much clarity on the schedule. Howard said the pandemic is a factor – a lot depends on what type of schedule teams can safely play.

"I'm speaking of players, coaches, support staff, and then more importantly, opponents," he said. "We've seen it, just recently where, in football, the Big Ten conference season, where there have been postponed games."

Brey schedules tough pre-ACC contests for unranked Notre Dame

By JOHN FINERAN
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — Mike Brey doesn't know what to expect from playing a season in the midst of a pandemic, but he figures Notre Dame might as well have fun playing it.

Despite losing three key players, including 6-foot-9 double-double machine John Mooney, Brey had confidence in his junior class headed by point guard Prentiss Hubb and Stanford transfer Cormac Ryan to schedule big games early, even before the Atlantic Coast Conference schedule came out.

A 9-4 finish to last year's 20-12 campaign ended early by the coronavirus has Brey and his 12 players brimming with optimism. Most league observers feel the Fighting Irish will struggle to finish in the middle of the pack in Brey's 21st season.

"We wouldn't have scheduled like this unless you saw at the end of last year … the light bulb go on for some of our younger players, especially our junior class," said Brey about a nonconference slate that includes No. 10 Kentucky, No. 12 Tennessee and No. 13 Michigan State.

The 6-foot-3 Hubb averaged 12.1 points and 5.1 assists in his 32 starts. He will share the basketball in the backcourt with the 6-5 Ryan, who averaged 8.7 points and hit 49 3-pointers in his only season with the Cardinal.

"There are two loud voices," Brey said. "It's Prentiss Hubb's team, but Cormac Ryan is a great voice. I'm really excited about them helping me run this group."

Dane Goodwin, a 6-6 junior guard who averaged 10.8 points mostly off the bench, and bulked-up forwards Nate Laszewski and Juwan Durham figure to fill out Brey's starting five.

Two freshmen – 6-9 forward Matt Zona and 6-7 guard Tony Sanders Jr. – along with 6-8 graduate guard Nikola Djogo and 6-4 junior guard Robby Carmody, who is coming off a third surgery, also will see playing time.

Hitting the boards

Brey believes the weight-room work of Laszewski and Durham will help the Irish make up some of the 12.7 rebounds averaged last season by Mooney, who scored 16.2 points a game and now plays professionally in Australia. Durham (7.8 points, 4.6 rebounds) now carries 240 pounds on his 6-11 frame, while the 6-10 Laszewski (7.4 points, 4.6 rebounds) is at 230.

Newcomers

The Irish recruited three freshmen – Zona, Sanders and 6-8 power forward Elijah Taylor, who will miss the season with ankle tendon surgery.

The 243-pound Zona has impressed Brey with his physical play.

"He's got a little of that New York crazy in him and I mean that as a compliment," Brey said. "How can you not be a tough dude if you dad is a New York City firefighter?"

Hoping for waiver

Junior guard Trey Wertz, a 6-5 transfer from Santa Clara where he averaged 9.2 points a game for two years, is scheduled to sit out the season. Notre Dame is petitioning the NCAA for immediate eligibility.

"We came up with a proposal that this should be an all-hands-on-deck season to get through it," Brey said. "I don't know why anyone on my roster would be ineligible in a COVID season. I'm going to need all of our guys eligible to get through these next five months."

Tough schedule

The Irish open Nov. 28 at Michigan State. Tennessee visits Dec. 4 and No. 23 Ohio State visits four days later in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. Following a Dec. 12 trip to Kentucky, the Irish open their ACC season at home against No. 9 Duke and close out 2020 with a visit from No. 4 Virginia.

"My feeling was to really go for it and schedule big, exciting games for our kids because I don't know what is going to happen the rest of the winter after the first of the year," said Brey, whose team has been practicing in masks.

NCAA chances

ACC media members picked Virginia to win the league. The Irish were picked 12th. Nevertheless, Brey feels an NCAA bid isn't out of the question for the Irish, who last played in the tournament during a 26-10 campaign in 2016-17.

"I remind our players of that," Brey said of the outside pessimism. "There's a little bit of an edge to prove themselves."

MASTERS

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pitch that hit the brakes at the hole and spun gently to tap-in range for birdie.

"I had to trust that I just had to gas it and hit it pretty hard and it was going to spin," Thomas said. "Balls are making pitch marks with chip shots and pitch shots."

Johnson was among three players to finish one shot behind Woods at the last Masters, and he appeared to be hitting his stride with four birdies on the back nine to cap off a 65 in the morning. That gave him a share of the 18-hole lead with Dylan Frittelli and Paul Casey.

Johnson quickly became the first player this week to reach 10 under with three birdies around Amen Corner. But then he had some mud on his ball – that's not unusual this week – that sent his ball to an impossible shelf on the 14th green, leading to a three-putt bogey.

Next, his 3-iron caught a small gust on the par-5 15th, and that was enough to hit the front of the green and roll back into the water. That led to bogey.

Momentum gone? Johnson shrugged. But he followed with 11 straight pars – shots in the bunker cost him good birdie chances on the par 5s on the front nine – until stuffing his last approach to 6 feet for birdie on No. 9.

After a wet start, the forecast was shaping up for a nice weekend, and there was a buzz at Augusta National on Friday. It wasn't from the crowd – no patrons were allowed this year – but from the motors of the sub-air system.

"I think it can firm up a little bit, but it's going to be tough for it to get firm," Johnson said. "I think it's going to be soft enough to where you're going to have to attack the golf course and play aggressive and keep swinging like I am. I like where I'm at. I like my position."

Of those still on the course, Hideki Matsuyama was at 8 under with three holes to play, while Jon Rahm birdied the par-3 12th hole to reach 8 under when play was suspended.

Woods left the course on Thursday with only three players ahead of him. He was tied for 10th when the first round ended, and he was tied for 22nd when he left Friday night with two birdies on the par 5s and bogeys on the third and seventh, the latter from a tee shot close enough to the Georgia pines that his only shot was to hit a runner into the front bunker.

DeChambeau, the betting favorite coming into the week because of his enormous bulk and power off the tee, took a big swing on No. 3 and never found the ball. With the altitude on his shots, it could have buried under the soft turf. Either way, he went back to the tee and drove in about the same spot, made a mess of his flop shot and took a triple bogey.

He followed with two more bogeys but was in good position for a birdie to get back to even par for the tournament.

The cut is top 50 and ties, and among those who will be sticking around are young and old – 23-year-old U.S. Amateur runner-up John Augenstein and 63-year-old Bernhard Langer. The two-time Masters champion shot 68 in the morning on a long, soft course. He followed with a 73 and will be the oldest player to make the cut at Augusta National.

"It actually makes me feel older when I play with these young guys and I see how far they hit it and how short I hit it," Langer said. "I like this golf course. I think I know how to get around it, even though I hit very long clubs. But it's certainly not easy."

It was plenty hard for Rory McIlroy, who opened with a 75 and was in danger of the weekend off until he rallied with a 66 to at least get back in the mix in his pursuit of the final leg of the career Grand Slam.

HORNUNG

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and 190 extra points.

For three straight seasons from 1959-61, Hornung led the NFL in scoring. In 1960 he totaled 176 points, which stood as a league record until LaDainian Tomlinson broke it 46 years later. Hornung would later point out that his record came in 12 games, while Tomlinson needed 16.

Hornung also passed for two touchdowns in 1960, meaning he had a hand in 188 points, an average of 15.6 per game.

His talent was noticed even in the White House. Hornung almost missed the Packers' 1961 title game when he was summoned to duty by the Army, but a call from Lombardi to President John F. Kennedy led to Hornung being granted leave.

Said Kennedy in arranging the leave, "Paul Hornung isn't going to win the war on Sunday, but the football fans of this country deserve the two best teams on the field that day."

Hornung scored 19 points – then a title game record – on one touchdown rushing, three field goals and four PATs in the Packers' 37-0 win over the New York Giants.

In 1965, Hornung scored five touchdowns against the Baltimore Colts in a 42-27 victory.

Hornung was on the first Super Bowl team for the 1967 game, but a pinched nerve sidelined him, and he chose not to enter the game when given the chance in the fourth quarter. He was the only Packer who didn't play in that Super Bowl as Green Bay beat the AFL's Kansas City Chiefs 35-10 and were led by Hornung's favorite drinking pal, wide receiver Max McGee.

Hornung was selected by New Orleans in the 1967 expansion draft, a heartbreaking moment for Lombardi. But Hornung never played a game for the Saints, instead retiring.

After his suspension by Rozelle, Hornung believed Lombardi's constant lobbying of the commissioner got him reinstated for the 1964 season. In exchange for Lombardi's efforts, Hornung agreed not to have anything to do with gambling, to stay out of Las Vegas, and even stop attending the Kentucky Derby – something he used to do annually in his hometown of Louisville.

"The entire Pro Football Hall of Fame family mourns the passing of Paul Hornung," said David Baker, the president and CEO of the Hall in Canton, Ohio. "He was an outstanding player and an incredible man. Known as 'The Golden Boy,' Paul was above all a leader to whom the Packers looked for the big plays in the big games – especially during the team's dynasty years under coach Vince Lombardi in the 1960s.

"We will forever keep his legacy alive to serve as inspiration for future generations. The Hall of Fame flag will be flown at half-staff in Paul's memory," he said.

Several stars from Green Bay's glory days have died this year. Along with Hornung, defensive greats Willie Wood, Herb Adderley and Willie Davis also died.

Buchanan falls in district football final

Bucks can't stop Constantine in first loss of season

By HP STAFF

Buchanan couldn't contain Constantine's Brayden Clark early on in a 55-28 loss to the Falcons on Friday in a Division 6 district football championship game.

Clark had three long first-quarter touchdowns, helping Constantine (8-1) send Buchanan (8-1) to its first loss of the season.

Clark scored on runs of 64 and 74 yards and an 80-yard pass reception to help Constantine to an early 28-0 lead.

Buchanan cut the margin to 28-14 at halftime, but wasn't able to keep up with the high-scoring Falcons, who have put up at least 43 points the last six times they've taken the field. Constantine finished with 542 yards of total offense, compared to 188 for the Bucks.

Buchanan's Connor Legault threw touchdown passes to Johnny Rager and Darius Griggs, and Keeghan Pelley rushed for a score. Legault finished with 145 yards passing, 55 to Griggs and 52 to Rager. Pelley rushed for 46 yards.

Gavin Fazi returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown for Buchanan, and led the defense with seven solo tackles and eight assists. Izayah Burns added an interception.

Buchanan had a big turnaround after winning a total of just five games the previous three seasons.

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Friday's district finals
Division 1
District 1
Rockford 34, Grandville 28, 3OT
District 2
Saline 14, Holt 8
District 4
Davison 48, Grand Blanc 19
District 5
Belleville 53, Canton 29
District 6
Detroit Cass Tech 42, Brownstown Woodhaven 8
District 8
Romeo 45, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 27
Division 2
District 9
Muskegon Mona Shores 43, Caledonia 35
District 10
East Lansing 42, Portage Northern 14
District 11
Traverse City Central 30, Midland 22
District 12
North Farmington def. South Lyon, forfeit
District 13
Livonia Churchill 36, Livonia Franklin 28
District 14
Oak Park 27, Wyandotte Roosevelt 14
District 15
Warren Mott def. Birmingham Groves, forfeit
District 16
Warren De La Salle 36, Port Huron 0
Division 3
District 18
East Grand Rapids 41, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 17
District 20
DeWitt 43, Mason 0
District 21
Flint Kearsley 36, Linden 28
District 22
Chelsea 23, Birmingham Brother Rice 0
District 23
River Rouge 40, New Boston Huron 15
District 24
Detroit King 50, Eastpointe East Detroit 6
Division 4
District 25
Cadillac 34, Sault Ste Marie 14
District 26
Ada Forest Hills Eastern 41, Whitehall 13
District 27
Grand Rapids S Christian 56, Hamilton 14
District 28
Edwardsburg 43, Paw Paw 0
District 29
Williamston 28, Battle Creek Pennfield 12
District 31
Detroit Country Day 20, Madison Heights Lamphere 10
District 32
North Branch 47, Ortonville Brandon 28
Division 5
District 33
Reed City def. Kingsley, forfeit
District 34
Freeland 35, Essexville Garber 14
District 35
Muskegon Oakridge 50, Howard City Tri-County 12
District 36
Grand Rapids Catholic Central def. Portland, forfeit
District 37
Lansing Catholic 17, Olivet 6
District 38
Grosse Ile 14, Summit Academy North 10
District 39
Frankenmuth 56, Corunna 14
District 40
Marine City 30, Detroit Denby 0
Division 6
District 41
Negaunee 20, Calumet 19
District 43
Montague 36, Muskegon Catholic Central 7
District 44
Montrose 40, Millington 35
District 45
Constantine 55, Buchanan 28
District 46
Michigan Center 28, Jonesville 22
District 47
Clinton 16, Blissfield 13
District 48
Warren Michigan Collegiate 52, Detroit Edison (DEPSA) 0
Division 7
District 49
Traverse City St. Francis 44, Charlevoix 32
District 50
Oscoda 38, Evart 35
District 51
Ithaca def. Pewamo-Westphalia, forfeit
District 52
Cass City 36, Hemlock 22
District 53
New Lothrop 56, Bath 12
District 55
Schoolcraft 42, Lawton 7
District 56
Jackson Lumen Christi 22, Monroe St. Mary 6
Division 8
District 57
Iron Mountain 36, Bark River-Harris 16
District 58
Johannesburg-Lewiston 28, Beal City 21
District 59
Carson City-Crystal 21, Fowler 2
District 60
Ubly 42, Flint Beecher 0
District 61
Centreville 32, Reading 14
District 62
Sand Creek 36, Addison 32
District 63
Petersburg Summerfield 34, Ottawa Lake Whiteford 14

Friday's regional finals
Eight-Man Division 1
Region 1
Indian River-Inland Lakes def. Pickford, forfeit
Region 2
Suttons Bay 38, Gaylord St. Mary 22
Region 4
Martin 54, Marcellus 8
Eight-Man Division 2
Region 1
North Central 55, Cedarville 8
Region 2
Marion 14, Hale 0

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	2	0	.778	242	233
Miami	5	3	0	.625	222	161
New England	3	5	0	.375	166	194
N.Y. Jets	0	9	0	.000	121	268
South						
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	242	177
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	249	235
Houston	2	6	0	.250	193	242
Jacksonville	1	7	0	.125	179	247
North						
Pittsburgh	8	0	0	1.000	235	161
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	227	142
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	206	237
Cincinnati	2	5	1	.313	194	214
West						
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	286	183
Las Vegas	5	3	0	.625	218	229
Denver	3	5	0	.375	174	217
L.A. Chargers	2	6	0	.250	205	216

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Phila.	3	4	1	.438	186	205
Washington	2	6	0	.250	153	188
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	204	290
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	.222	168	219
South						
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	244	200
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	250	203
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	243	251
Carolina	3	6	0	.333	210	226
North						
Green Bay	6	2	0	.750	253	204
Chicago	5	4	0	.556	178	190
Detroit	3	5	0	.375	197	240
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	217	234
West						
Seattle	6	2	0	.750	274	243
Arizona	5	3	0	.625	234	180
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	193	152
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444	225	207

Thursday's Game
Indianapolis 34, Tennessee 17
Sunday's Games
Houston at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Phila. at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Kansas City, N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, Dallas
Monday's Game
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 19
Arizona at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New England at Houston, 1 p.m.
Phila. at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Chicago, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco
Monday, Nov. 23
L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football Scores
Tuesday's games
Ohio 24, Akron 10
Kent State 62, Bowling Green 24
Buffalo 42, Miami (OH) 10
Wednesday's games
Central Michigan 40, Northern Illinois 10
Ball State 38, E. Michigan 31
W. Michigan 41, Toledo 38
Thursday's game
Boise St. 52, Colorado St. 21
Friday's games
FAU 38, FIU 19
Iowa 35, Minnesota 7

BEARS

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Time to get going

Cook has just 86 yards on 34 carries in three career games against the Bears. Quarterback Kirk Cousins, since joining the Vikings in 2018, is 0-3 with just three touchdown passes, two interceptions and one lost fumble against the Bears with an average of 5.5 yards per attempt. The onus will be on Cousins and Cook along with offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak and an improving offensive line to buck this recent trend of struggles against the sturdy Chicago defense.

"They're definitely a good team. It's not something we can walk into and say, 'Hey, this is going to be something that's easy.' We definitely give them a lot of respect, and we're going to have to make sure we game plan really well and get ready to go to work and try to get a win," left guard Dakota Dozier said.

NFC North run

While the Vikings are wrapping up a three-game stretch against the NFC North, the Bears are beginning one. They have a bye next week, then visit Green Bay before hosting Detroit.

Stepping up

Vikings linebacker Eric Wilson has thrived in place of four-time Pro Bowl pick Anthony Barr, who's out for the season with a torn pectoral muscle. His promotion from a limited role to full-time player has yielded three interceptions, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble.

"I don't know that anyone's playing at a higher level than Eric Wilson right now. That man's a walking turnover," linebacker Eric Kendricks said. "I feel like he's coming into his own, definitely. He's already in his own."

Getting better

The Vikings have used seven different rookies on defense. None of the cornerbacks available this week has played in more than the 21 games of NFL experience that Kris Boyd has. But there's been gradual improvement lately. The Vikings held Green Bay to 22 points and Detroit to 20 points in the past two games, their two lowest totals allowed of the season.

"I said this to some of the defensive coaches today, 'We might be doing our best job coaching we've done, and we're still giving up 400 yards a game,'" Zimmer said. "It's a work in progress, but I think some of these guys are getting better."

On call

Nagy said Friday he's giving that job to offensive coordinator Bill Lazor in an effort to lift an offense that ranks among the NFL's worst.

"If this is what's best for the team, then that's what I'm gonna do," Nagy said. "We need to do what's best for us, not what's best for Matt Nagy. That's where I'm at. I'm excited about it, you know, looking forward to it."

LIONS

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be very motivated to show what he can still do in the Motor City.

"I'm never excited about playing against a future Hall of Famer, that's for doggone sure," Rivera said.

Washington rookie Antonio Gibson, a third-round pick, leads the team with 391 yards rushing and five touchdowns. Gibson shares time with J.D. McKissic, who played for the Lions last year, and Peyton Barber.

Stafford's struggles

Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford was reunited with his wife and three daughters in the middle of the week.

He stayed in a hotel before and after last Sunday's game at Minnesota due to the NFL's coronavirus protocols.

"It will be nice to sleep in my own bed," he said. "Looking forward to getting back to a normal routine and being around the family."

After not practicing with the team all last week, Stafford threw interceptions on consecutive possessions in the third quarter at the Minnesota 12 and in the end zone and later left the game to be evaluated for a concussion.

"I had some mistakes that costs us big time," he acknowledged.

D-line investments

Washington drafted Chase Young with the No. 2 overall pick, making a first-round investment in a defensive lineman for a fourth straight year. The franchise also drafted defensive end Ryan Kerrigan in the first round nine years ago.

"It's a very, very talented group," Detroit offensive tackle Taylor Decker said.

Young, a defensive end from Ohio State, leads all rookies with 3 ½ sacks this season. Montez Sweat, a first-round pick last year, leads the team with five sacks.

Last chance

If the Lions are going to turn their season around, now is the time.

They're facing three straight teams with losing records – Washington, Carolina and Houston – before playing four straight teams that currently have winning records.

"There's still opportunities for us to do some great things to get this ship going in the right direction," Peterson insisted.

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Scammers target people still waiting for financial relief

Yes, the IRS is still trying to distribute pandemic relief money to millions of Americans. But, no, that text about a second stimulus payment is not real.

As if the federal stimulus effort in response to the COVID-19 pandemic weren't tumultuous enough, scammers are trying to steal people's money or financial information by sending fraudulent text messages.

The IRS is warning people about a text-message scam piggybacking on the economic impact payments authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (Cares) Act.

The text reads, "You have received a direct deposit of $1,200 from covid-19 TREAS FUND. Further action is required to accept this payment into your account. Continue here to accept this payment," according to the IRS. If you get this text, take a screenshot and email it to phishing@irs.gov.

Be sure you don't click the link, which will take you to a fake phishing Web address that mimics the agency's "Get My Payment" tool at irs.gov.

Ignore any text or email about a stimulus payment. Stimulus payments were automatically sent by the IRS, or people had to use the agency's non-filers tool to claim the money.

But don't ignore the stimulus effort altogether. Unless you received certain federal benefits or have a federal return on file for 2018 or 2019, you face a deadline of 3 p.m. Eastern time on Nov. 21 to claim an economic impact payment of up to $1,200 for individuals and $2,400 for couples. The IRS mailed nearly 9 million letters to people who appear to qualify for a stimulus payment but who don't normally file a tax return.

The November deadline also now applies to parents who receive Social Security, survivor or disability benefits, SSI, Veterans Affairs or Railroad Retirement benefits

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and who did not get the extra $500 payments earmarked for dependent children. The IRS initially told parents via its website that they had only until Sept. 30 to use the non-filers portal.

The IRS set the Nov. 21 deadline to allow sufficient time to issue stimulus payments before the end of the year to people who use its non-filers tool at irs.gov to request the funds. The Cares Act requires stimulus payments to be made by Dec. 31. If a payment isn't made by then, eligible recipients have to wait until filing a 2020 return next year.

With a month and a half left before the end of the year, the IRS is racing to get checks out or make direct deposits to millions of Americans.

And there's a chance – albeit slim – that Congress may pass another economic relief bill this year with a second round of stimulus payments.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has indicated that he's open to resuming pandemic relief talks, but only for a slimmed-down stimulus package.

"Our economy is really moving to get back on its feet," McConnell said during a news conference in Kentucky last week. "That I think clearly ought to affect what size of any rescue package we additionally do. I do think we need another one, but I think it reinforces the argument that I've been making the last few months, that something smaller rather than throwing another $3 trillion at this issue is more appropriate."

McConnell was referring to a one percentage point drop in the unemployment rate to 6.9 percent in October. But 11.1 million people are still out of work, according to the latest jobless figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The number of long-term unemployed – people who have been jobless for 27 weeks or more – increased by 1.2 million to 3.6 million, accounting for 32.5 percent of the total unemployed, the bureau reported. The number of people employed part-time for economic reasons increased by 383,000 to 6.7 million.

It will take until February 2022 to regain the jobs lost to the pandemic, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"We have not yet beaten the coronavirus or achieved the economic recovery we all desire," said the Chamber's Executive Vice President, Neil Bradley. "Our leaders have wasted five months already. We urge our leaders on both sides of the aisle to find common ground, finish the work they started, and pass additional relief measures during the lame-duck session to help the businesses, industries, and workers who continue to suffer."

With no new funding, many unemployed people can't pay their rent and are facing eviction.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said at a news conference last week that a smaller stimulus package does not appeal to her. President-elect Joe Biden has said an additional round of stimulus payments would be a top priority for his administration.

On Monday, the U.S. topped 10 million coronavirus cases.

"If you don't crush the virus, we will still going to have to be dealing with the consequences of the virus," Pelosi said.

The window to get additional relief funds to people this year is closing fast. Even if Congress passed economic relief legislation in January, the distribution would collide with the start of what will surely be a confusing 2021 tax season for the IRS. It would be an enormous burden on an already beleaguered agency.

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Ask the Fool

Initiating Coverage

Q What does it mean when a company "initiates coverage" on a stock? — *R.I., Redmond, Washington*

A Financial companies such as banks and brokerages often have analysts who research companies and report on their potential as investments. When a bank or brokerage initiates coverage of a company, that means at least one of its analysts has begun to follow the stock and will report on it regularly — often labeling it with a rating, such as "buy," "hold" or "sell." (It's typically rare to see a "sell" rating: The analyst's employer may not want to insult a company with which it might do business, now or in the future.)

Many brokerages offer gobs of research reports on companies, which can be far more informative than a single one-word rating. Look into what research your brokerage offers, or read up on better brokerages at **TheAscent.com**. To see many stocks Motley Fool analysts have recommended, try our Stock Advisor service at **Fool.com/services**.

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Q What's a mutual fund's "NAV"? — *T.Y., online*

A NAV stands for net asset value: the fund's per-share value. As funds generally hold many different securities (plus cash and cash equivalents), the total value of a fund's holdings is tallied at the end of each trading day, and any receivables or accrued income are added. Then the mutual fund's expenses for the day, such as trading commissions and operating costs, are subtracted. The result is divided by the fund's number of shares; that gives you the net asset value of the fund.

Note that the NAV doesn't account for money distributed to shareholders, such as dividends. When evaluating a fund's performance, focus on its total return over time, not its changing NAV.

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Homebuying Mistakes to Avoid

Buying a new home is exciting. Avoid making these mistakes, though, to save yourself a lot of headaches and dollars:

• Buying more home than you can really afford. Determine how much money you spend on food, clothing, transportation, entertainment, insurance, taxes, retirement savings and more to see how much is available for housing. Estimate conservatively, as your income might shrink — or your expenses might grow — over time. Don't let a lender or real estate agent lead you to buy a more costly home than you should.

• Not checking your credit score and full credit report. Lenders base the interest rates they offer you on your credit score, so it's worth getting it as high as possible. (Paying bills on time and paying down debt are great ways to boost your score.) Many credit card companies give you access to your score, and you can check your credit reports — which influence that score — at no cost once a year. Visit **AnnualCreditReport.com** to learn more.

• Not shopping around for a mortgage. Gather quotes from a variety of sources, such as local and national banks, credit unions and perhaps a mortgage broker or two. Even before that, read up on mortgages to learn what kind of loan will serve you best: 30-year versus 15-year, fixed-rate versus adjustable, and so on.

• Not getting preapproved. Sellers will take you more seriously if you've been preapproved for a loan by a lender. Being a more credible buyer might help if you end up in a bidding war.

• Not using professional help. Find a good real estate agent to work with — one who's experienced, knows your area and can guide you through the process. If you stumble on a great home on your own, remember that the agent you'll encounter there is the sellers' agent, who serves their interests first. A buyer's agent can protect yours.

Search online for more homebuying tips, and you could save even more money.

My Dumbest Investment

Too Many Options

My dumbest investment has been using options. — *E.F., online*

The Fool Responds: Options are best avoided by beginning and unsophisticated investors. There's a range of ways to invest with options, and some of them can be quite risky. The most basic forms of options are "calls" and "puts." A call for a particular stock gives you the right to buy shares of it at a specified price (the "strike price"), while a put gives you the right to sell shares at a specified price. Neither is an obligation.

Call and put options come with a defined shelf life; once they expire, they're worthless. That's one knock against them: While you can hang on to shares of stock for years, waiting for them to perform as expected, an option that expires in a few months can only serve you in that period. As an example, imagine that you buy a call option with a strike price of $55 on Typewriterland (ticker: QWERTY), which is currently trading at $50 per share. If the shares zoom to, say, $65 before the options expire, you can exercise them, buying those $65 shares for just $55. (Hopefully, that's enough to recoup the money you spent buying the option.)

There's much more to know about options before you even consider using them, so do your due diligence. And know that you can build great wealth without using options at all.

The Motley Fool Take

Viva, Veeva!

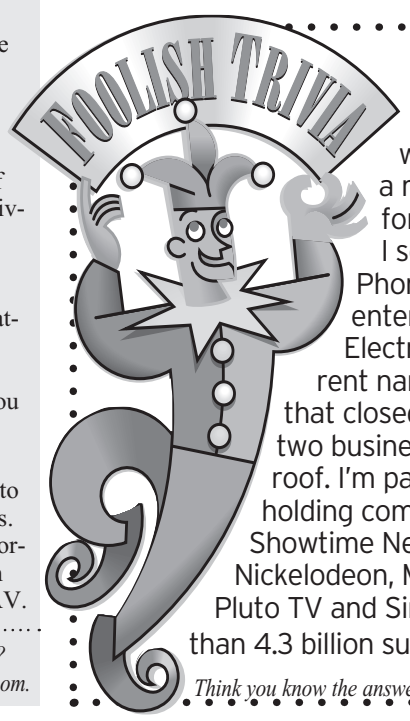
Meet Veeva Systems (NYSE: VEEV), a pricey stock worth considering. It provides dedicated cloud services to biotech and pharmaceutical companies, helping them maintain customer relationships, keep track of clinical trials and regulations, and store and analyze their data.

The majority of its income comes from subscriptions to its Veeva Commercial Cloud and Veeva Vault services. That's an attractive business model, because subscriptions mean relatively reliable, predictable revenue. Veeva's "sticky" environment is another plus, as it can seem like more trouble for customers to leave and set up with a different provider than to just remain with Veeva.

Escalating competition between top drugmakers has boosted demand for Veeva's services in recent years. The company has expanded its digital health care ecosystem by acquiring Crossix Solutions, a leader in patient data privacy and analytics, and Physicians World, a provider of speakers bureau services.

With a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently north of 90, Veeva's stock isn't cheap. But Veeva is growing briskly, with revenue and earnings both increasing by more than 30% year-over-year in fiscal 2021's second quarter. Veeva is expected to grow by more than 15% annually over the coming five years.

Consider investing in Veeva if you can be patient — or, to play it safer, add it to a watch list. Then you can buy it later, if the price drops. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Veeva Systems.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1927, when a talent agent created a radio broadcasting system for his clients to perform on. I soon merged with Columbia Phonograph and Records, and later entered television. (Westinghouse Electric bought me in 1995.) My current name reflects a big media merger that closed in December 2019, reuniting two businesses that used to be under one roof. I'm part of the National Amusements holding company. My portfolio boasts Showtime Networks, Paramount Pictures, Nickelodeon, MTV, Comedy Central, BET, Pluto TV and Simon & Schuster. I reach more than 4.3 billion subscribers globally. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1843 and 1910, when the founders of two companies got their starts — respectively setting up a hardware factory in New Britain, Connecticut, and a machine shop in Baltimore. Those companies would eventually merge in 2010. Today, with a market value recently near $27 billion, I employ more than 60,000 people in the world's largest tools and storage business. I'm also involved in electronic security services, infrastructure, oil and gas — and even health care. My brands include Bostitch, Craftsman, DeWalt, Irwin, Lenox, Mac Tools and Porter Cable. I've paid dividends for 144 consecutive years. Who am I? (Answer: Stanley Black & Decker)

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When life blows up your well-laid plans

Job loss, business failure, involuntary retirement, divorce, disability or the death of a breadwinner – these are just some of the ways our finances can force us to come up with a Plan B. That's never as simple as downloading a list and ticking off completed assignments, however.

Checklists can be helpful, for instance when you've just been laid off. But the biggest task after financial loss may be dealing with your emotions after the future you had envisioned disappears.

Be realistic about your emotions

People who lose a loved one expect to grieve. People who lose their financial security or a standard of living suffer "ambiguous loss," where many elements of their lives are the same but a major element is now gone, says financial therapist Edward Coambs of Charlotte, North Carolina.

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"You know what's happened, but it's not like you get a funeral for it," says Coambs, a certified financial planner and couples therapist. He's a member of the Financial Therapy Association, a group of advisors who combine financial and psychological counseling.

Acknowledge that your grief is legitimate rather than trying to minimize what you're going through, Coambs says. Also, don't expect grief to proceed in predictable stages. Psychological research shows that grief is more dynamic than that, and people may feel shifting emotions that can include sadness, despair, confusion, disorientation, fear, anxiety and even relief.

"A lot of the grief around the financial loss is going to feel kind of unexpected," Coambs says. "'Why am I crying now? Why am I angry now? Why am I disappointed or lethargic?'"

This process won't be quick, Coambs says. Our brains get used to our habits and routines. When those get dramatically disrupted, our brains need to catch up.

"It takes time for the neural pathways to adjust and change, right? My brain is literally needing time to reorganize itself," Coambs says.

You can help this process by discussing your emotions with someone you trust, says financial therapist Preston D. Cherry, a certified financial planner in Lubbock, Texas. Cherry says writing can help. He writes poetry, but writing in a journal is also effective. Studies have shown that expressive writing – writing nonstop for 15 minutes or so each day without inhibitions about the traumatic event or experience – can help people deal with emotional fallout. Writing can help us organize our thoughts and give meaning to what happened, which can help us break free of ruminating or brooding.

Talk to your kids

Many of Coambs' clients have problems with money that stem from childhood traumas, often because of a parent's layoff or the loss of a family business.

"What they often end up seeing is the parent lose their sense of self, fall into depression and despair, and never make it out," Coambs says.

Processing your emotions can help you avoid that fate, and if you're raising kids you'll also want to talk to them in age-appropriate ways about what's going on, he says. Children need to know this isn't a problem they created and it's not their responsibility to fix it.

"Kids will assume inappropriate levels of responsibility for negative outcomes financially," Coambs says. "Parents can say, 'Mommy and Daddy are taking responsibility for this. We're going to try to find the answers. You can come to us with your fears and concerns.'"

Know when to get help

If you're struggling, keep in mind that this is just one phase of your life and that it, like the current pandemic, will pass, Cherry says. He also recommends regular "self audits" – taking time alone to reflect on what's happened, work through your feelings and start to consider possible futures.

But when you're feeling stuck or isolated, you may need to seek professional help. If you're employed, your company may provide mental health resources. If money is tight, 211.org may be able to point you to free or low-cost treatment.

Depression or anxiety that persists for weeks or months isn't normal and may need medical treatment. If you don't have someone to talk to who is empathetic, understanding and nonjudgmental, a therapist could help guide you through your trauma so you can move on with your life.

"That's probably one of the bigger things that I see, is when people don't have other people to process the grief with or they feel like they're becoming a burden," Coambs says. "That's when professional help can be a big win."

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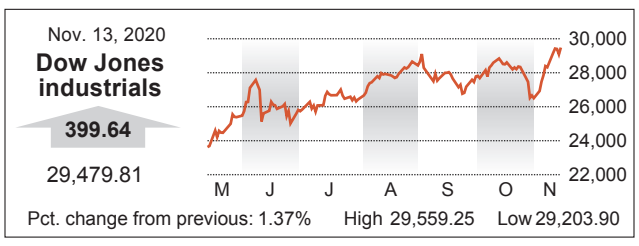

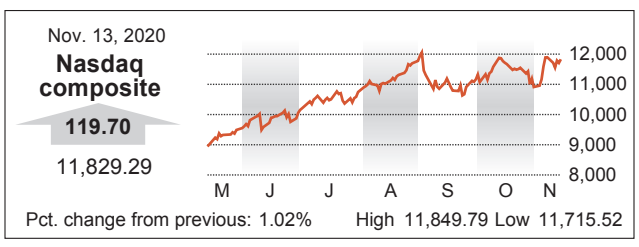

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Hay ..... $4.50 – $10.00 per bale
Straw ..... $3.60 – $4.50
For information, call 792-2296 or fax 792-8055.

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Thursday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold steady from mostly $26.50-28, Golden Delicious sold from $26-28, Fuji brought $32-34, Pink Lady sold for $35, Gala sold for $34 while fine appearance offerings sold for $39-40, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for $58. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $23-24, while Golden Delicious sold for $26-27, and Gala brought $25-26, while bushel cartons of 3-inch up Michigan Gala, Golden Delicious and Jonagold sold for $20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold lower for $24, while white large offerings sold lower from $24.50-28.50.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Georgia sold higher from $18-20.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Peru sold for $30, with offerings from Mexico sold from $36-36.50. Organic offerings of flats of 12 6-ounce berries from California sold higher for $32. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium-large size from Mexico sold higher for $18-18.50, with fine appearance offerings $34-34.50. Organic offerings of small-medium size berries of fine appearance from California sold for $26.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold higher for mostly $24-25, with organic offerings higher for $44.50.

CABBAGE ⊠ 50-pound cartons of round green medium from New Jersey sold for $17.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher from mostly $17-19, with fine appearance offerings mostly $27-28, with organic offerings $28.50-30.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Georgia bi-color sold slightly lower for mostly $16-17 while yellow offerings sold lower for $14.50-16.

CRANBERRIES: Cartons of 24 12-ounce packages of offerings from Wisconsin sold from $30-32.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold higher for mostly $23-25, while select offerings brought mostly $20-21 and large sold for mostly $17-18, and carton 24s sold lower for mostly $10. Pickles of 200-300 size from Florida sold slightly lower for $24-25.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Georgia sold slightly lower for mostly $15-16, with choice offerings $13.50-14.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold higher for mosstly $45-46, with organic offerings higher from $46-48.50.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 72 size valencia juice oranges sold for $28-29.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Georgia green jumbo sold from mostly $17-18, with extra-large $20 and choppers sold lower from $14-16. Extra-large size anaheim peppers from Georgia sold for $30, medium-large hungarian wax peppers and large poblanos sold for $18, while medium-large size cubanelles sold lower from $30.50-32, and extra-large serranos sold for mostly $23-25.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small zucchini from Mexico sold from $9-11, with medium $12, while yellow straightneck small-medium sold for $12-13, with mediums $10. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of large size acorn and butternut sold lower for $15, and small spaghetti brought $15.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from California of 5x6 size sold for $25, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x5 size sold steady from $24-26. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red medium size from Mexico sold lower for $10, while cartons of 12 10.5-ounce containers with lids of grape type sold from mostly $10-11. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold higher from mostly $23-25.

NEW IN BUSINESS

Wendzel announcing grant program

LANSING — State Rep. Pauline Wendzel announced the launch of weatherization grants from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity to help small businesses brace for the upcoming winter months.

"As we are seeing an increase in COVID cases and the weather in our state begins to turn, many Michigan businesses facing capacity limitations will be looking for ways to continue operating safely," Wendzel said in a news release.

The grants are being administered by the Small Business Association of Michigan and the application process will open at noon on Nov. 18.

Grants will be awarded to eligible businesses on a first-come, first-served basis, with special consideration given to fulfill a minimum of 10 requests in each of Michigan's regions.

To apply for the grant, business owners can visit www.miwintergrants.org/submit.

Business owners with questions can also reach out to Wendzel at 517-373-1403, or email at pauline wendzel@house.mi.gov.

UFCU donates $20K to the Red Cross

ST. JOSEPH — United Federal Credit Union has donated $20,000 to aid the American Red Cross.

The donation is part of a continued partnership between United and the American Red Cross to ensure local communities have the resources necessary to manage emergencies.

American Red Cross chapters across the country have seen an increase in need from individuals and families in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including financial, personal protective equipment and other important resources.

The donation will be split into $2,500 contributions to eight chapters in six states, including ones in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

"United recognizes the important work the American Red Cross provides in the communities where we work and live. This year has provided unique challenges for all of us, but especially for organizations like theirs who offer first line help to our neighbors," Kaylee Ganus, United's senior vice president of marketing, said in a news release.

Whirlpool launches its own detergent

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. is launching a liquid laundry detergent known as Swash, according to a news release.

The launch of Swash marks the Benton Harbor appliance maker's first entry into the liquid laundry detergent category.

With its "precision pour cap," Swash dispenses the detergent for the customer, while the ultra-concentrated formula gets four times more loads with the same amount of detergent. The pre-measured dose not only cleans clothes, it limits residue and other build-up in the washer.

The new laundry detergent is now available exclusively on Amazon, starting at $15.99.

GM recalling Bolt electric cars due to fire risk

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — General Motors is recalling nearly 69,000 Chevrolet Bolt electric cars worldwide because the batteries have caught fire in five of them.

The company said Friday that it doesn't know yet what's causing the fires, but engineers are working to figure it out. Two people have suffered smoke inhalation due to the fires and a house was set ablaze.

U.S. safety regulators said the cars should be parked outdoors until the recall repairs have been made.

Until a permanent fix is developed, dealers will install software that limits charging to 90 percent of the battery's capacity, Bolt Executive Chief Engineer Jesse Ortega said.

The recall covers Bolts from the 2017 through 2019 model years, including nearly 51,000 in the U.S.

It comes one month after the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced that it was investigating the fires. The agency said in documents filed last month that the fires began under the rear seat while the cars were parked and unattended.

Ortega said engineers have traced the fires to Bolts with battery cells made at an LG Chem factory in Ochang, South Korea, from May of 2016 to May of 2019. The fires have happened when the batteries were close to being fully charged, he said.

"We have no confirmed incidents from vehicles with cells not produced at this factory or a lower state of charge," Ortega said.

Some 2019 Bolts and all 2020 and 2021 versions have cells made at an LG Chem plant in Holland, Michigan, and are not included in the recall, he said.

GM hopes to find the cause and have a permanent repair as quickly as possible after the first of the year, Ortega said. Engineers are looking at several potential causes, he told reporters Friday on a conference call.

Until the software updates can be done, GM is asking owners to manually change adjustable settings to keep the batteries from being charged fully. Owners who aren't able to do this should park their Bolts outdoors and contact a dealer, Ortega said.

But NHTSA, the government safety agency, said in a statement that until the recall repairs are made, the safest place to park the Bolts is outside and away from homes.

"These vehicles can catch fire even if they are turned off, parked, and disconnected from a charging unit," NHTSA said. At least one of the five fires spread from a Bolt to a home, the agency said.

GM said it would start notifying dealers and customers of the interim recall immediately.

Ortega said the GM noticed the fires and began investigating in July, and it's cooperating with NHTSA.

The software change will cut about 10 percent from the Bolt's range on a single charge. GM said it understands owners could be upset about their cars not being fully functional, and it will address complaints on a case-by-case basis. Older Bolts can go about 238 miles per charge.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

UFCU promotes mortgage adviser

ST. JOSEPH — United Federal Credit Union appointed Thomas Newnum as the mortgage adviser for its St. Joseph branch.

Newnum will provide real estate lending expertise through financial counseling and product awareness, while also generating investment quality mortgage loans.

Newnum brings five years of banking experience to his new role. He has held several positions with United, including branch manager and member service adviser.

Newnum holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Cornerstone University. He also served in the United States Army as an air traffic control specialist, sergeant.

Cornerstone adds to WBC staff

BENTON HARBOR — Cornerstone Alliance has been through several changes this year, none more so than its Women's Business Center.

Among the latest hires this year are Brandon Campbell, Giovana Silva and Kristen Patzer.

Campbell joins as the new director for the Women's Business Center. Having previously served as director of Small Business and Diversity Initiatives at the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, Campbell was responsible for ushering in growth among small businesses and promoting diversity programming.

Campbell, a graduate from the University of Iowa, is the founder and owner of Little Rock Fashion Week, as well as three other companies.

As the microloan manager, Silva will manage the Cornerstone Alliance microloan program and assist with counseling and support for the Women's Business Center. A graduate of the University of Kansas, Silva is a former assistant branch manager for US Bank.

Silva is responsible for assisting entrepreneurs in securing funding from area lenders, as well as from Renaissance Development Fund and SBA sources.

Patzer joined Cornerstone in June 2020 and is the new business development manager of the Women's Business Center. Patzer's responsibilities include counseling aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners, developing and coordinating WBC programming, and assisting the finance division.

As a graduate of Indiana University, she has served as executive director and general manager at several organizations, including The Box Factory in St. Joseph.

How small businesses can use Google analytics

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Google Analytics is one of the most important tools for measuring the effectiveness of your marketing.

Even non-tech savvy business owners should be using Google Analytics to make better marketing decisions. Here's how.

Trying to understand the effectiveness of your marketing efforts without access to measurable results means your business is flying blind.

Like with any other part of your small business, marketing data gives you the insight you need to make well-informed decisions about future marketing efforts and know how to employ the right marketing efforts to drive the biggest return.

Reliable analytics will empower you to make data-driven decisions that improve the effectiveness of your marketing.

Just about every business needs an online presence regardless of what they sell. And, bringing customers and prospects to your website should almost always be one of your primary marketing goals.

Google Analytics is the website analysis platform most used by businesses to get real-time data for insight into how many people visit their website, who those people are, which products or services they're most interested in and much more.

Because of its ability to dig into the weeds of your web traffic, Google Analytics is one of the best tools for determining the effectiveness of your marketing and learning how to improve it. Luckily, you don't need to be a technology expert or SEO pro to use the platform. By familiarizing yourself with how to pull some basic information, you can gain an understanding of how well your website is performing for your business. Even at its most basic level, Google Analytics is a tool that the non-tech savvy business owner can operate and benefit from exploring.

Google Analytics puts valuable metrics at your fingertips in real-time.

Here's a sampling of the website metrics you can track through your Google Analytics account.

Visitor volume

See daily and monthly web visitor volume, monitor trends, watch ebbs and flows during your marketing campaigns and compare traffic performance year-over-year.

Average time on site

Track how long visitors stay on your website as well as which pages they view.

Bounce rate

Measure how many of your visitors quickly left your website after landing on just one page. Visitors who leave quickly likely did not read your content and are not interested.

New vs. returning visitors

Measure the ratio of new vs. returning visitors. This is useful data when measuring the impact of your marketing efforts on prospects vs. existing customers.

Traffic sources

Determine where your audience is coming from – from different websites and different geographic locations.

Conversions

Set-up conversion tracking and measure the percentage of your website visitors who make a purchase, fill out a contact form or take some other desired action.

There are so many tracking capabilities available to small businesses through Google Analytics and these just scratch the surface. One of the best is its comparison tool that allows you to compare data year-over-year to identify trends. This can be hugely helpful in planning your long-term marketing efforts. Google Analytics has the ability to give you better insight into your web visitors' behavior so you can use that insight to make more strategic marketing and sales decisions.

Fire up your analytics and start making more strategic data-driven marketing decisions.

Even if you're a non-tech savvy business owner, you can still easily make Google Analytics work for your business with the right support. There are many resources available to help small businesses navigate this tool and make sense of the data. One of those resources is your SCORE mentor.

A SCORE mentor can connect you with an analytics or digital marketing specialist who will guide you through your analytics set-up. Then, your mentor will help you make sense of the data and work with you to develop a marketing strategy that drives sales for your business.

hp OUTDOORS

Kalamazoo River produces steelhead action

One of the finest rites of fall is spending some time on a Southwest Michigan river fishing for steelhead. If you're hosted by a guy who really knows how to catch them, it gets even better.

Dave Mull

Photo provided / Dave Mull

Writer Dave Mull poses with one of eight steelhead landed with Capt. Kevin Ouzts last week on the Kalamazoo River.

Capt. Kevin Ouzts (rhymes with "boots") of Lawrence is one of those guys who really knows how to catch them. He's a student of all things salmon, steelhead and trout, fishing the area rivers for steelhead when they show up in early fall until they leave in spring. Summers, he trolls the big lake. He even uses spring break from his job as a school system social worker to troll inland lakes for stocked trout. Although he also fishes for Lake Michigan perch, he has a special affinity for the cold-water species.

"I think that it's just because they're such hard fighters and it's a challenge to catch them," Ouzts told me. "No day is the same – you have to figure them out every trip almost. After 20 years of doing it, I just enjoy it, especially chasing them on the river."

On a fine Indian Summer day last week, Ouzts took yours truly for a morning's worth of fishing that turned into a lot of catching on the Kalamazoo River below Allegan Dam. If you include three incidental channel catfish, we were 11-for-13 on catching hooked fish.

We had consistent action all morning – after we started fishing with spawn.

We were on the water by 7 a.m. and Kevin's first spot was not far downriver from the public launch at the dam. He flipped a switch, which made the electric winch drop the 80-pound pyramid-shaped anchor, and we set four crankbaits out, two on both sides of his 18 1/2-foot Smokercraft. He favored classic Heddon Tadpollies, (now only available from places such as eBay) and the popular Yakima Mag Lips. The lures he set out had luminescent finishes, and he charged them with one of two lights set up across his transom.

As daylight grew, none of the plugs had attracted a strike. A siren from up at the dam broke the morning's quiet.

"Not sure I like that," he remarked. "That probably means they're opening the gates. The current is about to pick up."

Sure enough, the current increased, which wouldn't have been a big deal, except the increased flow brought wads of brown leaves with it downstream. The leaves constantly fouled with the plugs' treble hooks, causing them to plane up and spin on the surface.

The solution was simple: We switched to spawn. The small, single hooks baited with a glob of king salmon skein not only avoided hooking leaves, but appealed to the fish, too.

Kevin soon had switched the whole program, replacing the plug rods with two "dead sticks" off the corners and longer rods pointed straight to the side with "bait divers." This is a Pacific coast setup for trout and salmon, using a hookless, metal-lipped plug in the image of a Hot'N Tot. Instead of a weight, the bait diver wiggles down to the bottom, trailing spawn about six feet behind it.

He handed me a long baitcast rod with a slip float and then "walked spawn" himself. That entailed a chunk of spawn skein on a hook behind a bell sinker that was heavy enough to stay on the bottom but light enough to fall back in the current when he lifted the rod tip.

To cover all the bases, he set out six small tubs about the size that lunch meat comes in, filled with spawn skeins of different colors. Although I didn't verify this with my own nose, the sticky salmon eggs had various kinds of scents from different cure mixes Kevin uses. The cures make the tender spawn skeins more durable in the water and last longer in his refrigerator or freezer.

Kevin scored first with a "skipper" that fell for the walked-spawn presentation. He quickly released this small steelhead. About 15 minutes later my float zipped beneath the surface and I set the hook into another small steelie, also released. Then a steelhead ate the spawn behind an bait diver and provided a nice little fight. It was a hen with developing eggs, so Kevin kept it, noting steelhead skein becomes the best bait to use later in the season.

The Kalamazoo saved the best for last. Shortly after noon, a dead rod throbbed and Kevin handed it to me. A big fish squealed line downstream. It bulldogged below the surface for several minutes, almost burrowing into a tangle of downed trees on the bank before I was able to pull it back into the current. Kevin scooped it, and it was the biggest of the eight steelhead we caught. It was a dime-bright beauty of about 10 pounds and the third hen of the trip. All three fish with eggs ended up in the cooler while Kevin released the five other steelhead and three channel cats.

It was a great way to start the steelhead season. Kevin Ouzts has been a licensed charter captain for several years and is now starting a charter business, as yet unnamed. Book a trip by calling him at 598-1281.

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Sarett Nature Center

Feeding Winter Birds virtual experience: Nov. 1-30. Enjoy watching a Sarett naturalist as they teach you the ins and outs of feeding our winter birds. Go to sarett.org and click on the link Feeding Winter Birds to view the video. The program is open for your convenience until the end of the month.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes.

February: Register from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 2. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Feb. 4 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 6. For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

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'The stories I've heard are insane'

South Haven model shows a different side of romance scams

By SUSAN TOMPOR
Detroit Free Press

Photo provided
Tom Ernsting, who lives part-time in South Haven, hears often from women whose lives have been ruined by catfishers pretending to be him.

SOUTH HAVEN — Tom Ernsting radiates the kind of handsome silver-fox good looks of a character right off the Hallmark Channel – just the sort of guy that plenty of women would love to meet.

Unfortunately, Ernsting has heard from way too many scorned women.

"They scream at me and they yell at me for ruining their lives," said Ernsting, 60, who has a home in South Haven and spends the winter in Naples, Fla. "The stories I've heard are insane."

One woman claims she handed over her credit card information to him, and then he racked up $30,000 in charges.

Others were upset that they sent him $500 to help him get across the border into the United States so he could travel to see them, but he never showed up. Some claim they lost money after they put cash on Apple iTunes gift cards to send to him.

"It's just crazy," Ernsting said. "It definitely took off during COVID because I think people were even more desperate and more lonely. It's sad because they fall in love with me."

Ernsting, who has worked as a professional model, says he did not reach out to these women via social media or dating apps, and he doesn't have their money.

He does, however, have a significant social media presence that scammers have impersonated to steal money from women who are desperately looking for love.

Sometimes, he's heard from a dozen upset women in a day who say they've been scammed by crooks using his pictures.

Some sexy shots online only make some copycat accounts more intriguing.

TMZ highlighted Ernsting's shirtless look doing yardwork in August under the headline "Hot Dad Alert." TMZ said it "teamed up with smokeshows from around the world to create some eye-popping photo galleries with a DIY flare."

The TMZ report noted: "When Tom Ernsting isn't sharing these dirty photos for you to plant yourself in front of, he loves to explore the world, focus on his fitness regime and spend quality time with his son."

Ernsting, who grew up in Chicago and graduated from the University of Michigan, retired early from a job as a sales executive in the hotel industry, but then went to work as a model and freelance event manager. The pandemic hurt the event business, he says, but modeling is picking up.

He has built up more than 150,000 Instagram followers. He's been paid as a social media influencer for Jed North, a sports athletic brand, and appeared in commercials for Ashley Furniture HomeStore and MyPillow.

"There aren't a lot of people my age who are that active on Instagram," Ernsting said, attributing some of his success to his demographic. "I'm attractive enough to draw people in, but I'm not threatening, so people use my image to draw people in the door."

Scammers have been stealing his image to impersonate him and create a variety of social media accounts to use in romance scams.

"I can't believe my image is a business for these people," he said. "They're making a living off my image. They're probably making more than I ever have."

Ernsting, who is gay, isn't trying to meet women. But he has responded to some who have reached out online and want to know what's going on. He tries to explain that his image is being used by hackers, maybe even part of sophisticated scamming rings overseas.

Too often, though, one response from him can snowball into someone wanting to tell their entire story, further a friendship and, sometimes, even hound him online. If he's photographed with a woman, some women will respond back to him online saying things like "I thought you said you were gay."

Many times, daughters will contact him saying that they've repeatedly tried to tell Mom that the online love interest is a fake.

His conclusion: "You can't trust anybody. And it's really sad."

More hearts broken online during the pandemic

The need to be physically distant to avoid contracting COVID-19 during 2020 has led to a spike in social media scams, including romance scams. Someone who is nice looking, maybe a doctor, suddenly wants to be your friend on Facebook.

Like any potential scam, it doesn't hurt to do more research on this so-called profile. Google a person's name, just like you would a business, and the word "scammer."

You'd see that SocialCatfish.com, for example, notes that Tom Ernsting has one of the most catfished profiles in the world.

"We estimated that millions of dollars were stolen from fake profiles using Tom's images since there were so many of them," according to the website.

Scammers increasingly have been stealing the photos of social media influencers to use in romance scams, according to Social Catfish.com.

The Federal Trade Commission notes that you can also "do a reverse image search of the person's profile picture to see if it's associated with another name or with details that don't match up – those are signs of a scam."

And if someone is suddenly sending you overly complimentary emails or messages, be cautious.

"Paste the text into a search engine, and see whether the same words show up on websites devoted to exposing romance scams," according to an AARP tip sheet on such scams.

Since 2019, about half the reports involving phony lovers indicated that the scam started on social media, usually Facebook or Instagram, rather than a dating site or dating app, according to Emma Fletcher, program analyst and author of the FTC data spotlight report.

"Since the pandemic began, more people than ever have reported losing money to romance scams," according to the FTC alert, including scams that start with a social media message or friend request.

According to the FTC, $201 million was lost due to romance scams in 2019, which was a 40 percent increase from $143 million in 2018. And the numbers are likely to be higher in 2020.

Retirees and older victims tend to lose the most money – the median individual loss associated with romance scams for people 70 and older was about $10,000, compared to $2,600 for all victims based on 2018 data.

Love interests who are scammed may be asked to send money repeatedly to cover one emergency after another.

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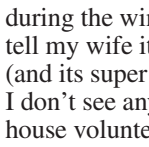
No shave pandemic

Andy Steinke



Traditionally, men use noble causes as an excuse not to shave during November.

No-Shave November, a campaign run by the nonprofit Matthew Hill Foundation, raises funds for Fight Colorectal Cancer, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Prevent Cancer Foundation by encouraging men (and women) to let their hair grow for a month.

The idea is to raise cancer awareness by embracing your hair, which many cancer patients lose. Participants are encouraged to donate the money they would've spent on shaving supplies in November to fight cancer.

Movember, started in 2003 by a couple of Aussies, encourages men to grow their mustache (aka their mo) during November to raise awareness for men's health – specifically mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Last year, Americans helped raise $18.4 million for the nonprofit Movember Foundation.

I've participated in Movember in the past (it wasn't pretty, trust me, I'm no Tom Selleck), but traditionally, November is about the time I stop shaving anyway.

I'll pull out my flannel shirts and let the beard grow free during the winter months. I tell my wife it's nature's scarf (and its super manly). Since I don't see anyone else in the house volunteering to snow blow the driveway, I usually get away with it, in spite of the objections.

But 2020 has been a special case. I haven't started my annual face scarf yet (hey, it was just 75 the other day), but I have stopped shaving – just not my face.

When the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, and we were ordered to stay home, I stopped shaving my dome. No one was going to see me for a few weeks, so I thought, "Why waste the razors?"

That was 8 months ago.

My hair is back (what's left of it) and it's getting too long (but at least it's not gray). It could really use a trim, but I can't cut it yet.

"I'll cut it when I go back to working in the office full time," I told my wife.

That was months ago, before my bangs started creeping toward my eyebrows. I've worked a few shifts from the office since March, but, as a rule, I'm still plugging away from my La-Z-Boy.

It's a good thing I didn't start growing a pandemic beard in March or I wouldn't just feel like Father Time, I'd look like him, too.

With the winter beard on its way soon (sorry, dear), I guess I'll just let the hair keep growing, too.

I'll be back to working from the office in a few weeks anyway, right?

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A few ways you can still volunteer during the COVID-19 pandemic

Christine Vanlandingham
Generations

'Giving Thanks – Giving Back." That's a good mantra for this, or any, time of the year.

While giving financial contributions to causes that are close to your heart is always valued, sharing your time and talents has special benefits – for the recipients of your service and for you.

Health experts at Mayo Clinic report that people who volunteer experience significant physical and mental health benefits as compared to those who do not volunteer their time.

From lowering stress to boosting self-confidence, volunteers often experience positive feelings referred to as "helper's high," increased trust in others and increased social interaction that leads to improved mental and physical health.

While research has shown that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression, especially for those 65 and older, even elementary-age children can benefit. Volunteering can provide youth with a sense of control, contribution and connection in a time when so much feels disconnected and out of their control.

This year, many family traditions of volunteering at a soup kitchen over the holidays and other in-person volunteerism will likely have to be on hold or look very different.

Here are some ways you and your family can volunteer, even with COVID-19 precautions in place.

■ Make care kits for your local animal shelter. Call to find out what is most needed and make "doggie care kits" or "kitten care kits" based on the shelter's highest need. Your local humane society or animal rescue service will be happy to provide more information about their needs.

■ Sign up to be a "Friendly Caller" through the Area Agency on Aging, and check in on local older adults who are isolated and in need of someone to talk to. Volunteers make weekly calls to check in and chat with one or more seniors. You'll brighten someone's day, and your own. Call Pat at 983-0177 for more information.

■ Lend your newly learned Zoom skills to benefit others. Volunteer to be a Zoom host through the Campus for Creative Aging. Volunteers are needed to "host" classes while other volunteers teach online classes for older adults. You'll help seniors have access to online programing without leaving your home. Call Amy at 982-7748 for more details.

■ Create a "food basket" with your kids online by shopping for their favorite shelf-stable foods, and have the items shipped directly to your local food pantry. Be sure to call the food pantry to learn where to ship the items

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We are all in this together – even those I disagree with

Linda Gunter
Insights

The phrase "we are all in this together" has been repeated by so many people over the past month. I admit saying it to myself, and others, and feeling a sense of strength, comfort and resilience.

What has been stirring me spiritually, though, is when I hear the same words from those I don't resonate with – individuals and groups with whom I totally disagree.

I'm aware of the deep contrast within me. These times of contrast and lack of resonance have created many opportunities for me to notice how, on the surface, this seems to be contrary to the divine guidance in my life, which is now a knowing deep within me, that every being in the universe is part of the Divine One.

I notice that I easily feel one with those who say, "We are all in this together to heal the systemic racism in our country once and for all," yet I don't easily feel one with those who promote white supremacy or prejudice toward other races and cultures.

I easily feel one with those who are a part of, and/or are allies of, the LGBTQ community, yet I don't easily feel one with those who say being anything other than heterosexual is a sin, and therefore there shouldn't be equal rights.

I easily feel one with those from other religions and spiritual paths, yet I don't easily feel one with evangelical, conservative Christianity.

I easily feel one with those who are peacemakers and seek to love extravagantly and inclusively, yet I don't easily feel one with those who promote bullying and even violence.

I know deep within my soul that all of my experiences call me to remember that I am rooted in oneness, peace, love and healing. I know deep within my soul that living with the knowing that we are all divinely created and connected is the very essence of my mission and purpose.

During the times when I experience divisiveness instead of oneness, I remember what I've learned from so many spiritual teachers over the years. One of those special teachers for me is Martin Luther King Jr. Just a few of the many others are Gandhi, Jesus and Buddha.

King said, "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

Gandhi reminds me to "be the change I want to see in the world," and Jesus taught that we are one in spirit, and only love will heal.

Buddha said healing comes when we radiate boundless love toward the entire world.

When will we understand and truly know deep within our souls that we *really* are all in this together?

Albert Einstein said this about oneness: "A human being is part of the whole we call the universe, a part limited in time and space. We experience ourselves, our thoughts and feelings, as something separate from the rest; a kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of a prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from the prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty. The true value of a human being is determined primarily by the measure and the sense in which they have obtained liberation from the self. We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if humanity is to survive."

One of many books that has had a profound impact on my life is "Radical Knowing: Understanding Consciousness Through Relationship" by Christian de Quincey. The essence of radical knowing is that we are all part of the divine consciousness. We are all conscious at the core of our being, and *we are all connected*.

We forget, at times, and make the choice to believe that we are separate beings who are not connected. When we forget that we are one and all connected divinely, we even secretly (and sometimes not so secretly) decide who is "evil" and not worthy of being part of the divine consciousness.

Radical knowing doesn't happen unless we are willing to step outside our comfort zone. We must break free of our fears, our conditioned beliefs, and we need to push ourselves to discover what we don't know that we don't know.

Radical knowing is knowing at the level of our soul that *really* we are all in this together. We have the opportunity to practice this repeatedly when we encounter the people we disagree with the most.

Just as we find ourselves judging others' intentions, others judge ours. I know my intention is to be a loving being who is seeking peace, healing and greater consciousness. I owe those I vehemently disagree with the respect to see them through the eyes of love and peace, even when I think this isn't what they're showing to the world.

To do differently defies my very essence. We *are* all in this together. I'm doing my best to remember that, especially these days when it's challenged so frequently.

I invite you to ponder this as well. The one we are is divine, and when we finally transcend our current consciousness, when we get out of our ego and listen to the whispers of spirit, we'll have a world that is pure peace, joy and love.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Linda Gunter, an ordained interfaith minister. She retired as the CEO of Peace Village, and is the former CEO of Hospice at Home in Southwest Michigan. She has been a guest minister at churches throughout Southwest Michigan. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

PET OF THE WEEK

Elijah, a 3-year-old tabby, was left behind with his brother when their "owner" moved. Elijah is sweet and craves attention. He loves people, ear scratching, and sunny windows, and is a gentleman (he uses the litter box). Good with other cats, he's untested with dogs. He's current on shots and is neutered. For more information, or to adopt him, call an Animal Aid volunteer at 926-4279.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, is temporarily suspending in-person worship services due to the rise of COVID-19 cases. In the interim, services will be available online at www.stjohnsbaroda.com.

To help contain the spread of COVID-19, worship services and fellowship events at **Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, 4340 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, are now being conducted via Zoom. For more information on how to join services on Zoom, or to register for online events, email office@berrienuu.org.

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 1200 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, has canceled all in-person activities until at least Sunday due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations locally.

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ERNSTING

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Michigan had 433 people report being victims of romance scams, losing nearly $9.5 million in 2018, according to Social-Catfish.com.

You never want to give money – or gift cards – for any reason, no matter how sincere the person might seem. Block someone who keeps needing you to help them out by sending them money.

The FTC has launched a new website, ReportFraud.ftc.gov, where consumers can report a romance scam or other scam whether they have lost money or not. As part of this new service, the consumer also receives some advice on what to do next when it comes to a particular problem.

Signs of romance scam take new turn during pandemic

Over the years, one sure sign of a romance scam is the inability of the new love of your life to meet for drinks or dinner. Maybe the guy is working a construction job overseas. Or he's in the military and cannot visit you.

During 2020, though, the pandemic has given scammers a new excuse.

Your newfound online boyfriend or girlfriend now can't meet you because they don't want to get you sick or there is limited travel where they are from due to the pandemic, according to a report by Social Catfish.com.

And no, they can't video chat either because they reportedly have limited access to a Wi-Fi network during the pandemic.

When the romantic ripoff artist promises to meet you in person, be prepared because an excuse to cancel always comes up, according to the AARP tip sheet on romance scams.

Photo provided

Tom Ernsting says women call and scream at him, saying he stole money from them, only to learn they were the victims of scams.

The real reason you'll never meet is because the scammers don't look anything like the picture online. The scammers could be sitting in a room overseas trying to pretend to be the friendly guy or girl next door.

Ernsting says he believes romance scams could be more common than official reports indicate, based on what he's hearing from the women who contact him and the stories they're telling him privately about how much money they've lost.

Many do not want to admit publicly, he said, exactly how much money they gave away and lost to romance scammers.

"They're embarrassed – and their husbands could find out," he said.

ANNIVERSARY

Malsch
60 years

Bridgman residents Jack and Marie Malsch celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday.

Jack Malsch and the former Marie Catania were married Nov. 12, 1960.

Both are now retired – Jack from his career as a barber and Marie from hairdressing.

They have two children, Torry (Kristin) Malsch of Benton Harbor and Jackie (Mike) Myers of Bridgman; and two grandchildren, Jake Malsch and Henry Branch.

COUPLES

The Herald-Palladium publishes news for engagements, weddings and anniversaries on weekends.

One person in the couple must be a resident or former resident of the area to have the announcement published.

All couples forms are available online at www.TheHP.com/site/forms.

Photographs can be published in color for $15. There is no charge for pictures in black and white.

GENERATIONS

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and if they have special requests or requirements.

■ Create an "activity basket" for a local senior. Purchase items like large print crossword and word search books and puzzles with semi-large pieces, and have them shipped directly to a nursing home, assisted living facility or an older adult in your neighborhood. Don't worry that the items don't come in fancy packages. Simply knowing someone in the community cared enough to spend the time picking out and shipping items that might bring them joy will overshadow any glitz and glamor that might be missing by not being able to personally wrap the items.

■ The same can be done for your local homeless shelter. Shop online with your family for personal care and pampering items, and have them shipped directly to the shelter. You may not get the face-to-face experience, but the impact of your gift will be felt by many. You included. For greatest impact, call shelter staff to learn what would be most beneficial to residents.

Need more ideas? Local nonprofits post volunteer opportunities at volunteer.uwsm.org. You'll find ways to volunteer as a virtual tutor for kids, participate in holiday food distribution, help maintain a local outdoor fitness course, be a remote Military Hero Care Network volunteer, help children in foster care and more.

Christine Vanlandingham is chief operating officer of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

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When it comes to Veterans Benefits, many veterans and dependents don't know what they don't know. Nationwide, less than 10% of those eligible apply. Let us help to educate and navigate you thru the maze of what is available from discharge to death. Here are some of the many benefits:

★ Disability Compensation benefits for prior conditions, diseases or injuries that occurred in service or many years later as a result of service (e.g. Agent Orange Exposure, Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – combat or personal trauma) to name a few.

★ PTSD Counselors from the South Bend Vet Center who come to Berrien County twice a week.

★ Non-Service Connected Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension benefits (House Bound as well as Aid and Attendance) for low income veterans over age 65 or prior to age 65 that are disabled and have at least one day of wartime service (additional means tested restrictions apply).

★ Free transportation at designated stops for veterans enrolled in the VA Health Benefits Program to the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek and the VA Health Care Center in Mishawaka.

★ Financial assistance thru the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for wartime veterans or peacetime veterans who earned an expeditionary medal (additional means tested restrictions apply).

★ Free financial coaching from an Accredited Financial Counselor and Financial Fitness Coach Counselor as well as ongoing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Military Edition classes.

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Biden curbs the cult of personality

Steve Chapman

When he first ran for president, Barack Obama evoked fervent loyalty and extravagant dreams in many people. As the first black president, with a rare gift for oratory, he was supposed to inspire us to new heights, end our racial divisions and make America beloved around the world. Campaigning for him, his wife, Michelle, said, "We need a leader who's going to touch our souls."

In 2007, Timothy Noah, of the liberal online magazine Slate, created a sardonic regular feature, "The Obama Messiah Watch." Its stated purpose was to determine whether Obama was "the second coming of our Savior and our Redeemer, Prince of Peace and King of Kings, Jesus Christ."

Republicans mocked Obama for saying that his arrival would be remembered as "the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal." The right-wing Investor's Business Daily denounced his "creepy cult of personality" and declared, "In the U.S., we don't worship our presidents."

It turns out that many conservatives were just holding out for a creepy cult of their own. "No one knows the system better than me," Trump claimed. "I alone can fix it." Radio host Wayne Allyn Root has likened him to "the second coming of God." After Election Day, televangelist Paula White implored the almighty to "break and divide every demonic confederacy against the election, against America, against that who you have declared to be in the White House."

Trump's legions may have exceeded the devotion Obama inspired. Some waited for hours to see him address a rally where they stood a good chance of contracting a potentially lethal virus. The conservative publication The Bulwark has lamented the folly of his "death cult."

Obama and Trump were hardly the first of their kind. John F. Kennedy enchanted many Americans during his presidency, and, in death, he was practically canonized. Republicans would like to put Ronald Reagan's face on Mount Rushmore, even though they've abandoned many of his bedrock convictions.

But maybe realism is taking hold. The election of Joe Biden suggests that Americans are not looking for a messiah. He is famous not for soaring speeches but for verbal stumbles. He has all the charisma of a used snowblower. His general election campaign, lacking boisterous rallies or a festive party convention, was low on excitement.

Americans voted for him because he was a serviceable replacement for the incompetent, incorrigible incumbent. Biden makes poor material for a cult of personality.

That's a good thing. Americans often look for heroic qualities in their presidents. What is more often essential in a leader, though, are virtues like competence, knowledge, caution and judgment, which can be boring – except when they are missing from the Oval Office, as they have been the past four years.

When Eugene McCarthy took on President Lyndon Johnson in the 1968 Democratic primaries, he was asked what kind of president he would be. "I think I would be adequate," he replied. The people who voted for Biden may hope he will be a great president. But they chose him in the sober belief that he would be an adequate one.

One thing Biden has going for him is that expectations are comparatively low. No one thinks he is able or willing to transform the nation. If he can merely repair much of the damage done under Trump – to the economy, public health, the environment, race relations and norms of public behavior – many of them will be satisfied. Any additional achievements would be a bonus.

He may also be able to cool passions across the political spectrum. Messianic figures have a way of rousing intense feelings not just in their followers but in their opponents. That's one reason Obama was the target of such vitriol in spite of his generally moderate policies. Trump treated anyone who criticized him as a loathsome heretic, which only intensified the criticism.

Biden will be villainized on the right, but his affable personality and temperate tactics should take some of the air out of the effort. His restoration of presidential decorum may help soothe the resentment of many Americans who voted against him. A president who treats his opponents as potential friends will have fewer enemies.

The bad news is that Biden will not be a savior. The good news is that he doesn't pretend to be.

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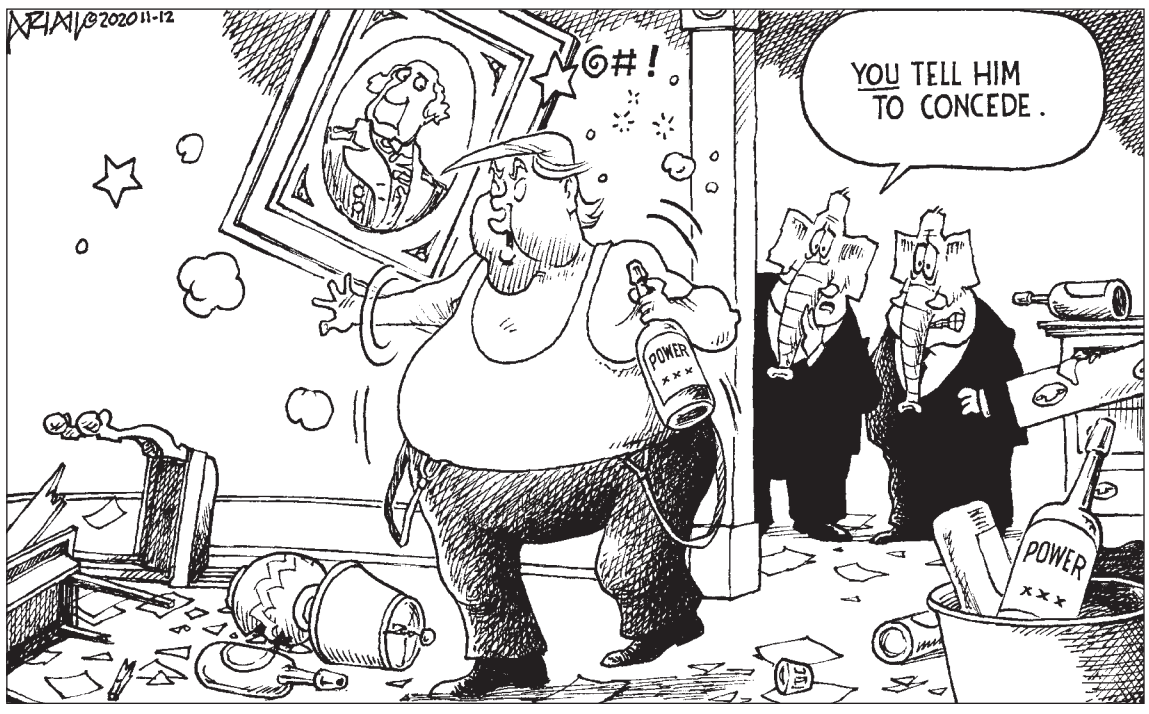
Acknowledging a bitter defeat is never easy

Leonard Pitts

We turn, one last time, to Hans Christian Andersen.

Over the past four years, many observers, this one included, have found one of the Danish writer's most famous tales irresistible for explaining both Donald Trump and the Republican Party's slavish sycophancy toward him. In "The Emperor's New Clothes," a monarch parades through town naked, having been convinced by swindlers that he's actually draped in an exquisite outfit made of a fabric visible only to those who are not "unusually stupid."



Not wanting to be thought dense, everyone pretends they can see the magnificent outfit. Then a child blurts out the obvious. "But he hasn't got anything on!" And the crowd begins to whisper to itself, until the truth finally breaks like a shaft of sunlight through the clouds, and the whole town cries out that the emperor is unclothed.

Well, in the wake of last week's defeat and his refusal to concede, it's Trump who stands naked before us, revealed for anyone who inexplicably still harbored doubt, as the liar and loser he always was. He rages against math, excoriates voting, raves about imaginary schemes to steal a victory he never won. His psychopathy is nude, his disconnect from reality is disrobed, his toxic narcissism stands barecheeked before us all.

And you wait for the whispers to begin, wait for the toadies and lickspittles who have long enabled him to at last blurt the obvious. And you wait. And you wait.

And there is silence.

In a political season that has produced more than its share of embarrassments, this may be the greatest humiliation yet for a nation that styles itself a beacon of democracy. At this writing, almost no one – not party elders, not young guns, not Cabinet members, not the first lady, not the children – has found the courage to publicly say the truth. Indeed, some – like the invertebrate Sen. Lindsey Graham – have even encouraged Trump's delusions, a display of political gutlessness with few, if any, equals in recent memory.

Its insistence on denying reality has reduced the GOP to a state beyond parody. Think a Washington Post report of party loyalists marching seven times around the U.S. Capitol like Israelites in the Bible around Jericho. Think the once-respected Rudy Giuliani holding a press conference in a Philadelphia landscaping supply company parking lot near a sex shop to decry fictitious election irregularities. "Do you think we're stupid?" he cried. "Do you think we're fools?"

It's enough to make comedy writers obsolete.

But it's not a joke. Attorney General William Barr, Trump's consigliere, has authorized prosecutors to "pursue substantial allegations" of voter fraud. Even though there are none. The General Services Administration has refused to process paperwork needed to release funds for President-elect Joe Biden to begin the transition process. In other words, the machinery of government has been brought to bear to protect a boy man's fragile ego from the truth.

Acknowledging a bitter defeat is never easy. But so many others have risen to the task with grace. Hillary Clinton did it. Mitt Romney did it. John McCain, John Kerry and Al Gore did it. The weakling Trump is uniquely unable to do it, a failure that makes you long for Jan. 20. On that day, he'll be escorted into disgrace, still insisting that he won what he didn't. One imagines the emperor would empathize. Even after the child cried out, he still couldn't admit his nakedness.

"So he walked more proudly than ever, as his noblemen held high the train that wasn't there at all."

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Where should evangelicals go now?

Cal Thomas

Evangelical Christians have unquestionably been a loyal and largely unmovable base of support for President Donald Trump since he has been in office, and in some cases before. Should the election results not be overturned by recounts or court decisions, where do they go and what should they do?

Perhaps no evangelical pastor has been a stronger and more consistent supporter and defender of President Trump than Dr. Robert Jeffress, who leads the 13,000-member First Baptist Church in Dallas.

In an essay written for the Fox News website, Jeffress urges his fellow evangelicals to return to their first love. He's not calling for their withdrawal from politics, but for them to focus on something that is often beyond understanding.

Presuming a confirmed win by Joe Biden, Jeffress asks, "What is God doing in this outcome? Why would He allow this to happen?"

The presumption is that the God of the evangelicals should be on the side of Republicans and conservatives, but as Scripture notes, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord." (Isaiah 55:8)

While acknowledging that "for millions of Christians across our nation" the election of former Vice President Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris "is a bitter pill to swallow," Jeffress writes he once quoted Daniel 2:21 to Donald Trump the year before he was inaugurated: "It is God who changes the times and the epochs. He removes kings and establishes kings."

Jeffress adds, "Human government and rulers change at God's direction and design. Our faith and our salvation lie not in any human ruler, but in the ruler of rulers, the King of kings. The fact that God has established authorities means that by obeying the government, we obey God."

For many that is going to be the bitterest pill of all. How can they pray for an administration that promotes values and ideologies they oppose? The scriptural command leaves no room for debate, much less disagreement.

This is another opportunity for evangelicals to obey what their leader – Jesus – commanded them to do. While He presides over governments and rulers, what influence on culture and even government would it have if evangelicals en masse began obeying His commands? As most should know and have heard in sermons in many of their churches, these include, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor' and 'Hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous ... " (Matthew 5:43-45)

That politics and politicians may work contrary to evangelical beliefs does not mean they have been deprived of opportunities to do good. On abortion they can support a local pregnancy help center. When it comes to reaching poor children trapped in failing schools, they can start a fund to help at least some escape to good private schools.

Poverty? A church might organize retired professionals to reach out to the poor to help them find meaningful work and train them to qualify for it. They could also visit those in prison, as Jesus commanded. It isn't difficult to find them. Research ministries already helping and volunteer.

Jeffress concludes his essay by saying that God's command "applies all the same, whether the emperor was the faith-friendly Constantine, or the evil emperor Nero.

"When Joe Biden becomes president, we should commend him for the things he does right. We should condemn the things he does wrong. And above all, we must pray fervently for our president. If President Biden succeeds, we all succeed."

As Baptists might respond: Amen!

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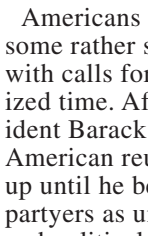
When 'unity' means 'shut the hell up'

Ben Shapiro



On Saturday evening, presidential frontrunner Joe Biden – who doesn't actually become president-elect until vote counts are certified – gave a preliminary victory address.

In that address, he spoke of his mandate to govern: a mandate, he said, that extended to marshalling the "forces of decency ... fairness ... science ... hope." Which is a pretty vague mandate, as it turns out.

But there was another overarching mandate Biden expressed: a mandate to come together, to unify as Americans. "To make progress, we must stop treating our opponents as our enemy," Biden said. "We are not enemies. We are Americans."

All of that is nice. Who wouldn't like a country in which we could enjoy cultural events together without being lectured about the alleged evils of the country, in which we could attend family events without being castigated as bigots, in which we could disagree and still enjoy one another? Who wouldn't like an America in which our neighbors no longer see us as cancel-culture targets, in which we no longer have to fear our compatriots rioting and looting over supposed systemic injustices, in which our social interactions are not limited by our voter registration?

But.

Americans are right to have some rather serious trust issues with calls for unity in our polarized time. After all, former President Barack Obama pledged American reunification right up until he began treating tea partyers as unspeakable threats and political opponents as crypto-racists. Everything was hopey and changey right up until the time ... it wasn't.

So, in order to earn our trust, Joe Biden would have to call *his own side* out for raising the temperature. And he has steadfastly refused to do so. He hasn't called out Black Lives Matter for the suggestion that America is systemically racist; he has cheered it on. He hasn't condemned antifa; he has deemed it a philosophy rather than a dangerous movement. And he certainly hasn't said a word about the continuing attacks on Trump supporters.

We will wait in vain for Biden to chide former first lady Michelle Obama for declaring that 70 million Americans "voted for the status quo, even when it meant supporting lies, hate, chaos, and division." Our bones will likely bleach before Biden tells Hillary Clinton that Trump supporters aren't deplorables.

No, "unity" in the Biden formulation isn't a recognition of what we have in common; it's a demand that we silence ourselves in order to mirror Biden's priorities. Unity, you see, can be achieved one of two ways: through recognition of the other, through a determination to understand those who think differently than we do; or through ideological domination. It's rather obvious which pathway Democrats will choose. After all, social ostracization is one of their most powerful tools. Why disarm now?

Americans can only come together when we share a common philosophy, history and culture. Democrats have spent years attempting to tear away those commonalities in favor of coalitional interest-group politics. They've declared American philosophy racist from inception; they've declared American history a litany of brutalities; they've declared American culture bigotry embodied. Now they want unity – the unity of absolute victory.

Ironically, it's that very desire – the desire for monolithic control – that will be their undoing. Unless Biden is serious about unity – unless he's willing to cross the aisle and recognize the humanity of those with whom he disagrees, and to call out those on his own side who won't – Biden's term is likely to be contentious, polarizing and ultimately unsuccessful.

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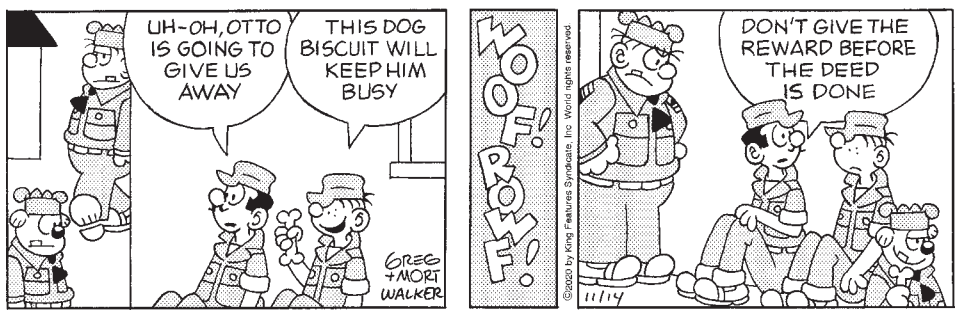
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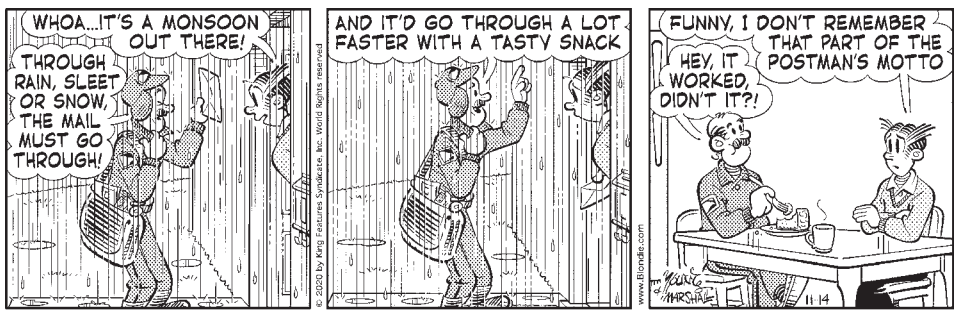
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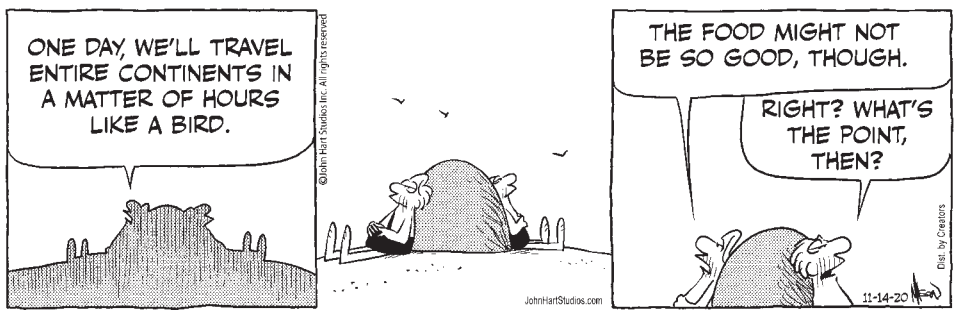
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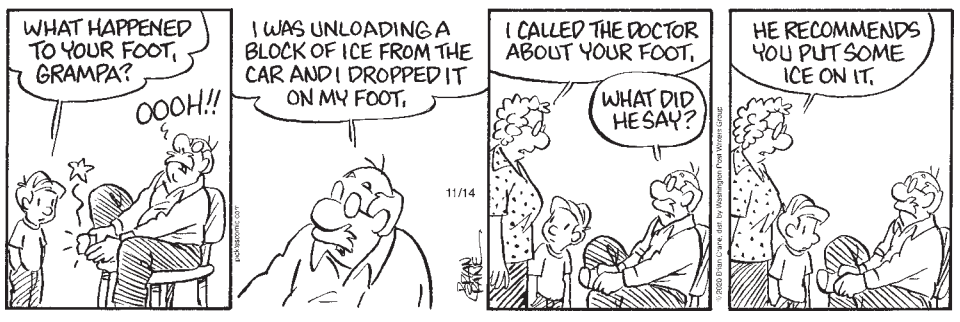
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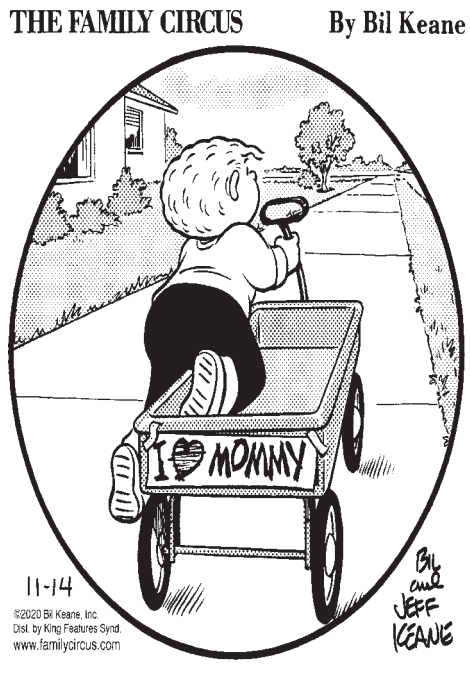

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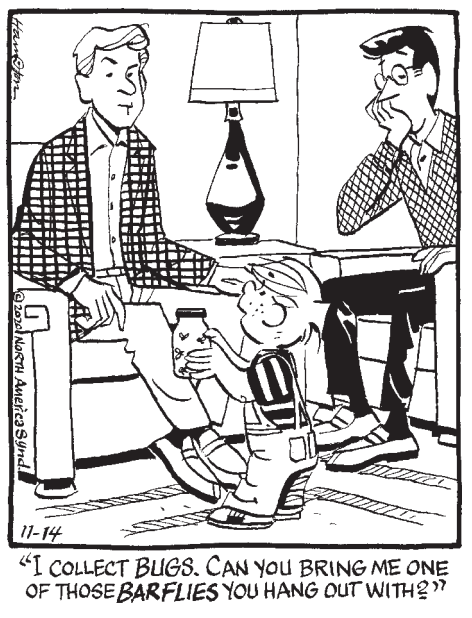

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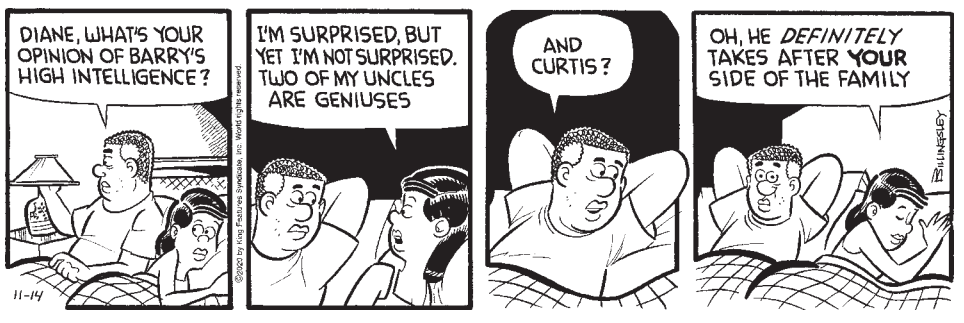
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WELCOME TO MY WORLD.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

HAGAR IS ATTACKING MY FATHER'S CASTLE! I WONDER IF HE WILL COME HERE NEXT?
NOT WITH YOUR REPUTATION!
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YOU MEAN AS A COURAGEOUS DEFENDER OF MY DOMAIN?
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BEYAUNE
NO! AS A DISINHERITED SON!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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GOOD. THAT'S THE DOG TRIVIAL PURSUIT
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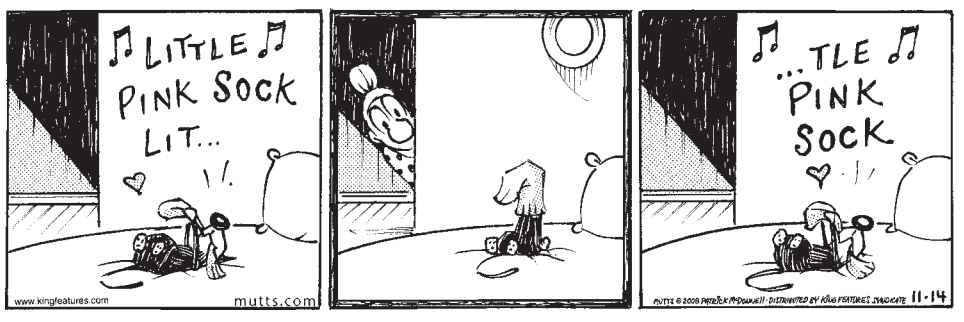

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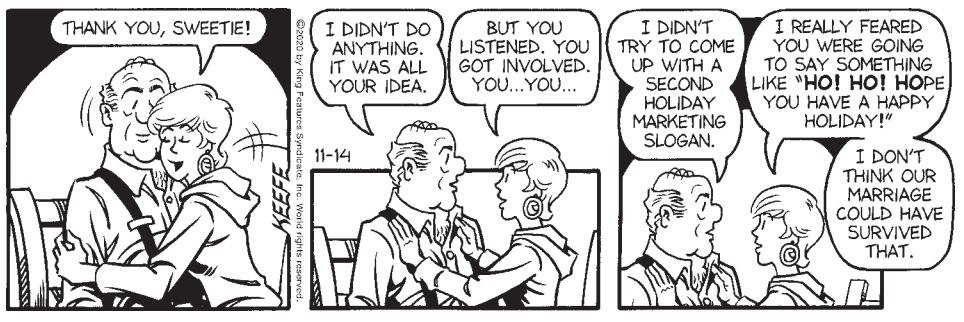
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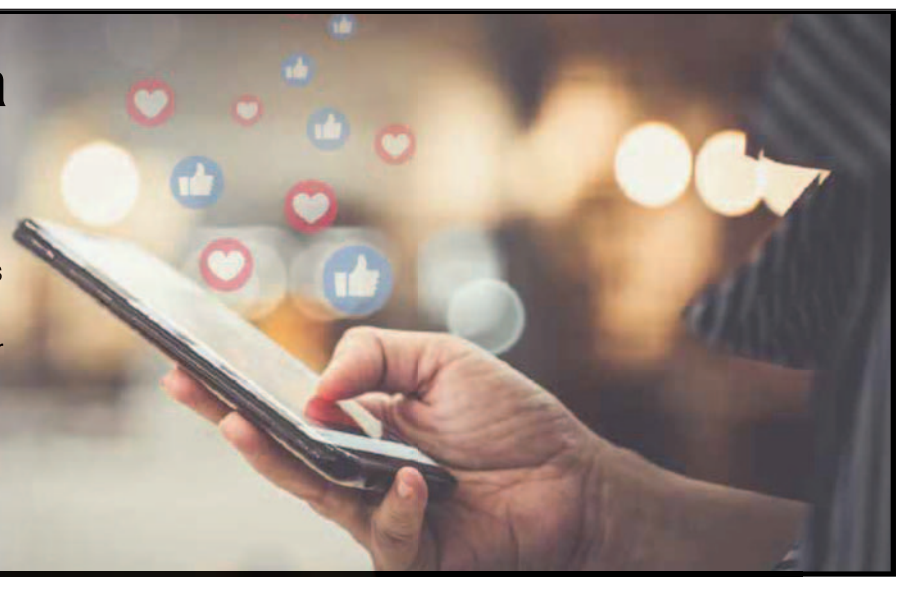

PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING NOV. 14

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	**College Football** Wisconsin at Michigan. From Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich. (N) (L)						
CBS 2 3 22	6:00 **College Football** Alabama at LSU. From Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, La. (N) (L) CC					**48 Hours** (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	**Ac. Hollywood**	**Weakest Link** CC (DVS)		**Ellen's Game of Games** CC		**Saturday Night Live** (N) CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	**College Extra**	**College Football** Teams TBA. (N) (L)					
PBS 34	**Lawrence Welk**	**As Time Goes By**	**As Time Goes By**	**Antiques Roadshow** CC		**Frankie Drake Mysteries** CC (DVS)	
CW 25	**Big Bang Theory**	**Mike & Molly**	**Mike & Molly**	**Seinfeld** CC	**Seinfeld** CC	**News**	**Friends** CC
MNT 50	**Graham Bensinger**	**Dateline** "Final Curtain" CC		**Dateline** "Evil Intent" CC		**Storm of Suspicion**	
WCIU 26	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**
WHME 46	:00 **Heartland**	**Heartland** "Strange Bedfellows"		**Murdoch Mysteries** "Game of Kings"		**Murdoch Mysteries** CC (DVS)	
WGN 9	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**WGN Weekend News at Nine** (N)	
A&E	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	:01 **Storage Wars**	:32 **Storage Wars**
AMC	📽 ★★★ **Twister** ('96) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. CC					**Eli Roth's History of Horror** CC	
Animal	**Dr. Jeff**	**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		**Mega Zoo** (N)	
BET	★★ **The Best Man Holiday**			**Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?**			
Big Ten	**College Football** Northwestern at Purdue. (N) (L) CC						**B1G Live**
Bravo	:10 📽 ★★★ **Shrek** ('01) Voices of Mike Myers. CC			:15 📽 ★★★ **Shrek** ('01, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. CC			
Cartoon	**Teen Titans Go! Vs. Teen Titans**			**Burgers**	**American**	**American**	**Rick**
Cinemax	:00 **Warrior** CC	7:55 📽 ★ **Equilibrium** ('02) Christian Bale, Taye Diggs. CC			:45 📽 ★ **Dying of the Light** ('14, Action) Nicolas Cage. CC		
CMT	**Independence Day**		📽 ★★★ **Top Gun** ('86, Action) Tom Cruise. CC				
CNBC	**Under. B.**	**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**	
CNN	**Situation**	**Situation Room**		**Situation Room**		**First Ladies** CC	
Comedy	**Superbad**	📽 ★★ **We're the Millers** ('13) Jennifer Aniston.					**Superbad**
Discovery	**Off the Grid**	**Building Off The Grid: Nature's Wrath** "Storming Off the Grid" (N) CC				**Building Off the Grid** CC	
Disney	**Gabby**	**Big City**	**Big City**	**Big City**	**Big City**	**Avengers**	**Big City**
DIY	**Maine**	**Maine Cabin Masters**		**Maine Cabin Masters**		**Maine Cabin Masters**	
E!	6:45 📽 **The Twilight Saga: New Moon**				★★ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse**		
ESPN	:00 **College Football** Arkansas at Florida. (N) (L)					**Boxing** (Taped)	
ESPN2	:00 **College Football** SMU at Tulsa. (N) (L)					**Scores**	**Football**
ESPNC	**Basket**	**College Basketball** CC				**College Basketball**	
Food	**Diners**	**Santa's**		**Santa's**		**Santa's**	
Fox News	**Life**	**Watters' World** (N)		**Justice With Jeanine**		**Greg Gutfeld**	
Fox Sports	:00 **College Football** Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech. (N) (L)						**Lions**
Freefrm	6:45 📽 ★★★ **Home Alone** ('90) Macaulay Culkin. CC			:15 📽 ★★ **Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** ('92) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. CC			
FX	**Outta Compton**	📽 ★★★ **BlacKkKlansman** ('18) John David Washington, Adam Driver. Ron Stallworth works under cover to infiltrate the KKK. CC					
Golf	:00 **Live From the Masters** CC						
Hallmark	**Christmas-Darl**	📽 **Christmas in Vienna** ('20, Romance) Sarah Drew, Brennan Elliott. (P). CC				📽 **Jingle Bell Bride** ('20) CC	
HBO	**Phoenix**	📽 ★ **Dolittle** ('20) Robert Downey Jr. (P). CC			:45 📽 ★★★ **Shazam!** ('19) Zachary Levi, Mark Strong. CC		
History	**Oak Island: Digging Deeper**			**History's Greatest Mysteries** CC			
HGTV	**Property**	**Should I Stay or Go**		**Should I Stay or Go**		**Love It or List It**	
Learning	**Chantel**	**The Family Chantel**		**The Family Chantel**		**The Family Chantel**	
Lifetime	**Christmas Vine**	📽 **Christmas on Wheels** ('20, Drama) Tiya Sircar, Michael Xavier. (P). CC				**A Very Charming Christmas Town** ('20)	
MSNBC	**Voices**	**Week-Johnson**		**Week-Johnson**		**American Voices**	
MTV	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**
NBCSCH	**Charlie**	**World Class Championship Boxing**				**Fight Sports MMA**	
NFL	6:00 **NFL Football** CC			**NFL Football** CC			
Nick	**Astro**	**Danger**	**Hustle**	**Substitute**	**Un**	**Friends**	**Friends**
NGEO	**Drugs,**	**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**	
Oxygen	:00 **Snapped**	**Snapped** "Eileen Leone" CC		**Snapped** "Susan Hendricks" CC		**Snapped** "Kelly Cochran" CC	
Parmt	★ **Grown Ups** ('10)		📽 ★ **Grown Ups 2** ('13) Adam Sandler. CC				
Showtime	:00 📽 ★★ **On the Basis of Sex** ('18) Felicity Jones. CC			📽 ★★ **The Children Act** ('17) Emma Thompson, Fionn Whitehead. (P). CC			
Starz	**Once Upon**	:03 **In The Long Run**	:28 **The Cult of the Family** CC		:28 **The Spanish Princess** "Plague"		**Seduced: NXIVM**
STZENC	6:53 📽 ★★ **The Notebook** ('04) Ryan Gosling. CC			📽 ★★★ **A River Runs Through It** ('92, Drama) Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt. CC			
SyFy	📽 ★★ **The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** ('06) Lucas Black. CC (DVS)				:45 📽 ★★ **Fast & Furious** ('09) Vin Diesel. CC (DVS)		
TBS	6:15 📽 ★★★ **Thor: Ragnarok** ('17) Chris Hemsworth.			**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**
TCM	**The Gumball Rally**	📽 ★★★ **Ball of Fire** ('41, Comedy) Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck. CC				📽 ★★★ **Brother Orchid** ('40) CC	
TMC	📽 ★★★ **Cloverfield** ('08) Michael Stahl-David. CC			📽 ★★ **The House by the Cemetery** ('81, Horror) CC			📽 **Zombie**
TNT	**Life**	📽 ★★ **27 Dresses** ('08) Katherine Heigl. CC					**Wedding**
Travel	**Ghost**	**Ghost Nation** CC		**Ghost Nation** (N)		**Destination Fear** (N)	
TV Land	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two and a Half Men**		**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**
USA	6:00 📽 **John Wick: Chapter 2** ('17)		📽 ★★★ **Doctor Strange** ('16, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor. CC (DVS)				
VH1	6:30 📽 ★★ **Sister Act** ('92)			📽 ★★ **Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit**			
WGN-A	:00 **Blue Bloods**	**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC	

Relatives pressed into manual labor by aunt who lives alone

DEAR ABBY: Ten months ago, my aunt's 66-year-old live-in boyfriend died unexpectedly. She has no children and is left with a four-bedroom, two-bathroom house to take care of by herself. She has always been in debt (I think), and his final expenses only made it worse.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Since his death, she has expected my family (mostly me) to complete a list of chores every time I visit. I have been asked to hook up her garden hose, plant grass, exterminate bees, replant flowers, vacuum – even move her boyfriend's ashes from the original bag to a more permanent urn. So far, I have managed to avoid taking care of her pool and cutting her grass, but it's only a matter of time before the neighbors stop doing it for her.

I love my aunt, and she has done a lot for me over the years. I realize she has no kids to take care of her, but I don't think I should be expected to be her lackey for the next 30 years. How do I tell her I can't be responsible for taking care of her house without getting her upset or angry? Is it my place to say something to her mother and siblings? She has been very emotional since the death, and we've all been walking on eggshells, but she won't go to therapy. – Overwhelmed Nephew

DEAR NEPHEW: Your aunt may not need a therapist as much as she needs a grief support group to help her work through her loss. Her mood swings, which I am sure surge and wane from day to day, are magnified by her money problems. Because the house and yard are now too much for her to handle alone, it might make sense for her to downsize and put the money she gets from selling the place to work for her. Of course, she should run the idea by her attorney or accountant before making any decisions, but it might be the solution – not only to her problem, but also to yours.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I bought a house and moved in literally the day COVID was announced as a national emergency. I had planned to go around to our new neighbors and introduce ourselves, perhaps with a small gift (I'm a professional baker). That obviously hasn't been possible. We've had some over-the-fence interactions with a couple of neighbors, but I feel bad I haven't reached out to the others.

My husband and I are private, introverted people, but I still want to make ourselves known as approachable. Is it too late? What's the protocol on introducing yourselves to neighbors? Given that everything is in flux and we still don't know if it's safe, I don't want to let that become an excuse to put it off indefinitely. – Neighborly In New Mexico

DEAR NEIGHBORLY: It is not too late. A charming way to introduce yourselves would be to deliver – or have delivered – a small plant to each of your neighbors, with a short note explaining that you are new to the community, you are a professional baker and you regret that the quarantine makes it impossible to reach out in a more personal way. Be sure to include your address and phone number.

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Why does it bother people that the boyfriend isn't also the best friend?

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I have a "this bugs, I don't know why it bugs, how to get it to stop bugging, please advise" question.

Carolyn Hax

So many people refer to their significant others as their best friend. That works for them, great! I am all for things that make my friends, and really anyone else, happy.

But they can't seem to take this view of my relationship when I say that my boyfriend and my BFF are different people. BFF is a woman who is "my person," to steal a phrase from "Grey's Anatomy." Boyfriend is my love.

When I say this, when I refer to BFF as Best Friend and Boyfriend as not-Best Friend, you'd think I'd said that puppies were gross or something.

This reaction bugs me, and I don't know why. His not being my best friend doesn't bother Boyfriend at all – I asked him about it. He said he knows we love each other and are important to each other, so he's not hung up on labels. Which is very sensible.

So why does it bother me that some people don't like the distinction between Boyfriend and BFF if his is the opinion that matters here? Please help me see this as someone's silly opinion that doesn't impact my relationships at all. – Bugged

DEAR BUGGED: Maybe it bugs you because people are up in your business and attempting to correct it for you uninvited? That's usually enough for most of us.

I am only one person, but, if it makes you feel any better, I don't care one bit that you've delegated the love and best-friend roles to two separate people instead of combining them into one.

Maybe you can help yourself push through these resentments by saying to people, "I'm not sure I understand why you care that I'm doing this, when you are not me, my best friend or my boyfriend." Cut to the point you want to get across to yourself.

DEAR CAROLYN: If you think you could benefit from therapy, does that mean you should probably go to therapy? I worry my problems aren't bad enough to warrant it. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: The whole "my problems aren't bad enough" argument against therapy is a canard. Your problem warrants therapy when you think you could benefit from talking to someone trained to untie emotional knots.

There's also nothing wrong with going for, say, one session just to get an opinion on something you're wrestling with. That's how you find out if talking about it helps, and/or if you've chosen the right provider to help you. (There is often trial and error in finding a good fit.)

If the whole exercise turns out to have been a waste of your time and money, then that's unfortunate, especially if it involves financial hardship – but it still will have been no different from undergoing a medical checkup for a condition you turned out not to have.

If something doesn't feel right, then we either carry it with us and see how we manage, or we get some help. Doctor, dentist, therapist – same level of "worry" applies.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Behind, at sea
4 Sausage meat
8 Shopping aid
12 Hush-hush org.
13 Diva's rendition
14 Sandwich cookie
15 Class
16 Urban map
17 Isn't capable
18 Wolfman Jack
20 Flees to the JP
22 Digress
23 Bleat
24 Colorful squawkers
28 Villain's cry
31 Loosen, as a grip
34 — and cry
35 Coca-Cola or Pepsi
36 Med. staffers
37 Compilation
38 Library sound
39 Fem. saint
40 Salad follower
42 Get nosy
44 Unvoiced
48 More yucky
51 Auto trim
52 Roulette color
53 Water, in Tijuana
55 Tummy muscles, in the gym
56 MOMA artist
57 Tattered
58 Slit
59 Wild tale
60 Shoe part or fish
61 Yo!

DOWN
1 They turn litmus red
2 — mignon
3 Grasping sort
4 Tropical melon
5 Air France destination
6 Estuary
7 Petruchio's intended
8 Winter warmer
9 Wyoming tribal members
10 Artist — Magritte
11 Preschoolers
19 Outlaw brothers
21 Units of wt.
25 Jackie — of martial arts
26 First cousin's mom
27 Become frayed
29 Yellow Pages
30 Pillbox or bowler
31 Overhead trains
32 Prone to
33 Trickier
35 Opera prop
40 — out a living
41 Flammable gas
43 Tornado warning
45 Not first class
46 Infuse
47 Bad-tempered
48 Deep black
49 Fizzy drink
50 Informers
51 Lock of hair
54 Glop

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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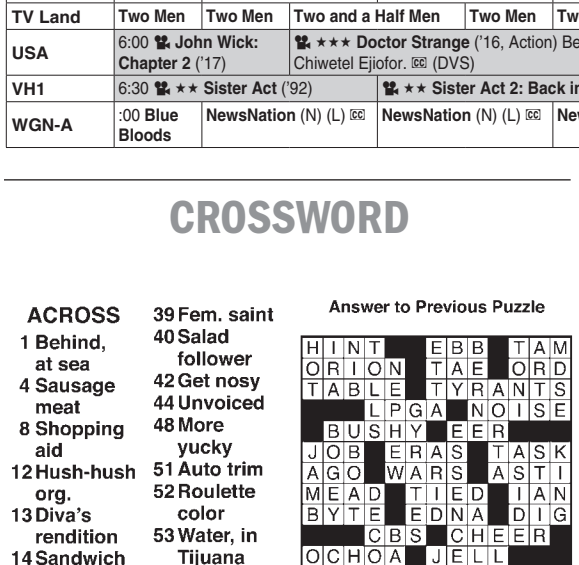

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TOAQU

SULHF

GSATIM

MEGINL

Is this professional grade?
You have an excellent eye! That's our finest hammer.
THE CARPENTER SHOPPED FOR A NEW HAMMER THAT WOULD BE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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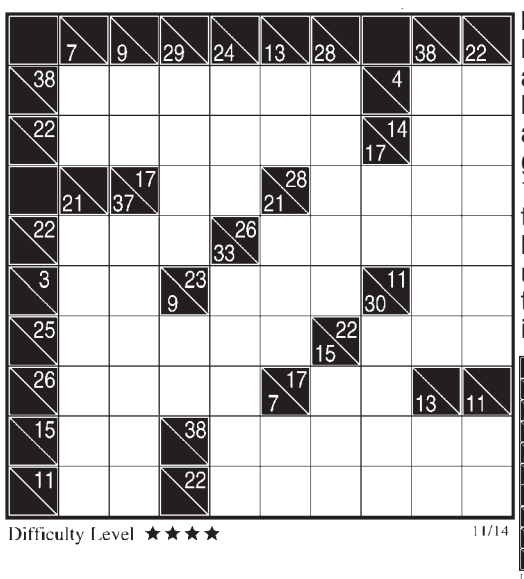
(Answers Monday)

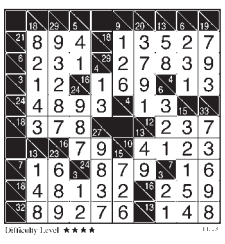
Yesterday's Jumbles: DEITY SLANT CANARY QUIVER
Answer: After Apollo 11 touched down on the Moon, the astronauts could — "SEA" TRANQUILITY

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/14

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Chely Wright, a country singer whose best album in my opinion is "Let me in," said, "I am a Scorpio, and who knows if there is any validity in it, but I'm very emotional. I have high highs and low lows."

In bridge, seven no-trump is high and one club low. Each is rarely the final contract, but one club was in today's deal, which was played at Bridge Base Online a couple of months ago.

Some Norths responded one heart, which worked well here when South rebid one spade, and North passed. But whenever I do that, partner usually rebids three clubs. East wondered about balancing, presumably with one no-trump, which shows 11-14 points in this situation. But he was worried that North-South would find a spade fit. He knew that his partner was not a shrinking violet in the auction, so he took the low road.

West led the heart seven. East took that trick, cashed his spade ace (denying the king after trick one) and returned the heart five, his highest remaining heart being a suit-preference signal for spades.

South took the trick on the board and played a trump. East correctly flew in with his ace, gave his partner a heart ruff, received a spade ruff in return and led his last heart. When South ruffed with the club jack, West overruffed with her king and gave East a second spade ruff. Then a diamond through South gave two tricks in that suit to West. Finally, East took another spade ruff.

Have you been keeping track? That was down four and a cold top to East-West – fun, for one side at least.

North 11-14-20
♠ 10 9 8 2
♥ K J 10 9
♦ 10 4
♣ 8 5 3

West
♠ 7 6 4 3
♥ 7 6
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ K 4 2

East
♠ A
♥ A 5 3 2
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ A 10 9 7

South
♠ K Q J 5
♥ Q 8 4
♦ K 8 3
♣ Q J 6

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	8	1	9	7	2	3	6	5
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Photo provided / Ron Egozi / AP

A fire is featured in a New York home designed by Elena Colombo. In the evening, the warm light from a fire feature like this one can change the mood in a home that's been used for work and school during the day.

Lift moods with lighting

By MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

Sunset is arriving noticeably earlier, meaning less mood-lifting daylight for everyone. The weather is turning colder, so we'll soon spend even more time cooped up inside the homes where we've huddled, and sometimes completely quarantined, for months.

Many of us are working and studying at home by day, then trying to shift into relaxation mode in the very same rooms at night. And we're doing all of this while battling the many stresses that 2020 keeps on delivering.

If ever there was an autumn when things could be a bit brighter, this is it.

So while better light bulbs or a repositioned lamp won't solve everything, it's a great year to reassess the way your home is lit – and possibly make some changes.

Differentiate night from day

It's hard to step away from work or school when you're living in your workspace. One way to shift the mood and tell your body and brain that it's time to relax is to change the lighting when day becomes night.

By day, use lightbulbs that mimic daylight (about 5000 Kelvin).

Virginia-based architect Warren Ralston says this is usually the lighting we see in offices, because its cool white hue offers plenty of energizing brightness.

Smart LED bulbs can be set to this brightness in the morning and kept there all day.

"Another great thing about 5000K daylight LED is how well it works for video conferencing," Atlanta-based interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn says. "Anytime I'm working from home, I turn on the overhead LEDs, and it eliminates yellowy shadows from the videos."

When your workday is over, switch to lamps and fixtures fitted with traditional warm bulbs, or set your smart bulbs to a lower intensity (about 3000-3500K, or as low as 2500 for very warm light).

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Designer Brian Patrick Flynn suggests using dimmable true daylight LED bulbs, shown here, to avoid the yellowing effect warm bulbs have on spaces.

Many types of smart lightbulbs can be adjusted easily with a remote control or through an app.

"This is hugely helpful for creating ambience and warmth versus using pure daylight for work purposes," Flynn says.

You can also set your lights on timers, so your preferred evening lighting comes on automatically.

Light things, not rooms

Brightening up your home may be about repositioning the lights you already have, rather than adding more.

"Light has to reflect off of something in order for your eyes to perceive that light," Ralston says. "So you don't really light a space. You light a surface. You're lighting a wall or a floor or an object."

Try positioning lamps or overhead lights so the light bounces off items you want to highlight, or off surfaces like a glossy tabletop or lustrous fabric.

Consider rearranging furniture and art to make better use of the light coming from ceiling fixtures and sconces.

Ralston sometimes uses virtual reality technology to show clients what a room will look like at different times of day, and how lighting options would look paired with different furnishings.

He says they're often surprised at how different the light looks depending on what surfaces surround it.

Warm your space with firelight

In the fall, lighting a few logs in a traditional fireplace is a great way to shift the mood in your home. And if you don't have a fireplace, you can still enjoy that same warmth and flickering light, says designer and sculptor Elena Colombo, who creates fire features that range from elaborate outdoor installations to delicate tabletop fire bowls.

A small fire bowl can be used on a coffee table or as a centerpiece on a dining room table to create a warm, welcoming, flickering light that's a step beyond what candles offer, Colombo says. Many fire bowls burn an alcohol-based gel that requires no ventilation.

"As soon as your eye sees the flame," she says, "it just changes your mood."

When choosing your source of indoor firelight, just be sure to follow any fire safety restrictions where you live.

And when night falls, Colombo suggests switching on a few low-wattage lights near the door to your deck or patio. Just having a view of your warmly lit outdoor space can keep you from feeling penned in on an autumn night.

It will make your home feel more expansive, and maybe even inspire you to grab a sweater and sit out under the stars.

Tomatoes, turnips rule in big gardening year

By JOHN RABY
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — In the year of COVID-19, when new gardeners came out in droves to try growing their own vegetables, tomatoes were still king. And, in a twist, the respect-seeking turnip actually turned some heads.

Seed companies taking stock of what went well and what came out of the woodwork proclaimed the tomato as their top seller this year.

Specifically, at Burpee, the Bodacious Tomato was the best-selling vegetable seed. The company calls the large, disease-resistant but pricey hybrid "our new superstar."

The Park's Whopper tomato has been an annual centerpiece for Park Seeds, "and 2020 was no different!" said Kelly Funk, president of parent J&P Park Acquisitions.

At Ferry Morse, the Large-Fruited Red Cherry Tomato that fills out on tall vines was crowned its No. 1 seller, said Ferry Morse chief marketing officer Rebecca Sears.

Obviously, tomatoes aren't the only veggies that gardeners grow from seed. Cucumbers, peppers and beans also are near the top of consumer retail sales.

At Burpee, the biggest surprise was the Silky Sweet Turnip, which chairman George Ball said was "kind of mind-blowing."

Yes, a turnip. That easy-to-grow but hard-to-figure-out-what-to-do-with root vegetable.

"It's the butt of many jokes and the bane of many appetites," Ball said.

Burpee's website compares the Silky Sweet Turnip to a reinvented apple, whose sweetness "makes it seductively snacky."

Ball said Burpee bought the entire supply of the turnip variety from a breeder in Japan.

"If you think you've ever had a turnip before, this is going to change your mind," he said. In retrospect, "this thing was everything we had hoped for."

As far as flower seeds go, the eye-catching Zesty Zinnia Mix was Burpee's top seller.

At Ferry Morse, Sears said that while the most popular vegetable and flower seeds have remained consistent every year, sales of wildflowers and lettuce increased more quickly than other seed types, a reflection of "gardeners trying their hands with easy and fast-growing plants."

Charlie Neibergall / AP

Hakurei turnips sit in a field after being harvested on Andrew Dunham's 80-acre organic farm, in Grinnell, Iowa.

Lettuce, she pointed out, can be grown in a windowsill container, so it works well in apartments, too.

"There's no doubt that gardening surged in popularity this year," Sears said. "People have sought out an escape and productive activities during quarantine, and have found both in DIY gardening projects that connect them with nature while providing food and beauty."

Park Seed saw an influx of new customers across all age groups. Supplies that get the family involved in gardening, such as seed-starting kits, were a hit, Funk said.

"These customers are most excited about heirloom varieties and our salad bowl mix, which includes a blend of mustard greens, arugulas and lettuces," Funk said.

Susan Elliot, a spokeswoman for the Burlington, Vt.-based Gardener's Supply Co., said that in more than 35 years of business, "it has never been this busy."

Elliot said the employee-owned company's best sellers were functional items such as raised beds, tomato cages and water irrigation systems. She also said a folding bench that saves gardeners' knees sold surprisingly well.

Early this year, Gardener's Supply Co. obtained additional warehouse space and built what it thought was a month of inventory of raised beds.

"When March hit, we blew through that inventory in about a week, and the raised beds were back-ordered all summer, in all sizes," Elliot said.

Home goods retailer Lowe's also saw a surge this year in consumers looking to grow their own food, including high demand for seed-starting, raised garden beds and tomato cages, spokeswoman Amy Allison said.

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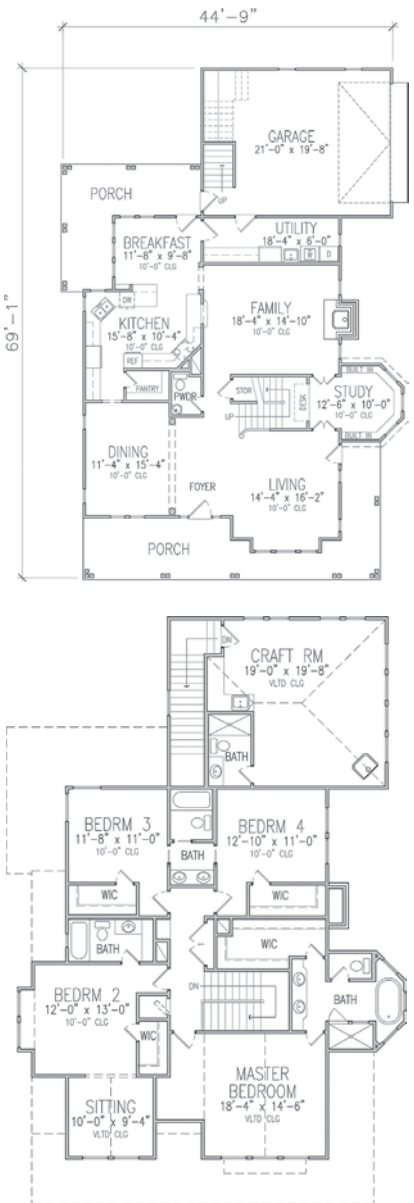

Design number: 410-3612	**Baths:** 4 1/2	**Dimensions:** 69-feet-4-inches by 47-feet-2-inches
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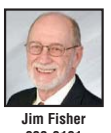
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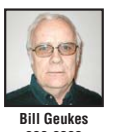
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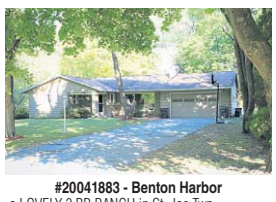

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The public or counsel may participate in the public hearing, be heard and submit evidence and written comment. Written comment will be received by the Inspection Department at City Hall, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI until noon, Monday, November 23, 2020, or emailed to kgundersen@sjcity.com

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Lincoln Charter Township
Planning Commission
Electronic Regular Meeting &
Public Hearing Meeting Notice
Monday December 7, 2020 at 6:00pm

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To consider a proposed special land use for an (Outdoor –Sales Facility subject to Article 9 Section 230.902 & 230.948) submitted by Ausra Equipment, at 5980 and 6054 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville, MI on parcels #11-12- 0027-0008-21-0 and #11-12-4560-0029-01-0, on approximately 5.03 acres zoned CMU – Commercial mixed Use.

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Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk
2055 W John Beers Rd
PO Box 279
Stevensville MI 49127-0279
(269) 429-1589

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Lincoln Charter
Township Zoning
Board of Appeals
Electronic Regular Meeting &
Public Hearing
Meeting Notice
Monday December 7, 2020 at 7:30pm

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To consider a variance request from Ricardo Schiesser to place an accessory building in the side-yard and encroach into the side-yard setback of the property at 5374 Wilshire Terrace, St. Joseph, MI on parcel #11-12-1050-0002-00-3, zoned (LD) Low Density Residential District on approximately .789 acres. The dimensional variance is requested from the Zoning Ordinance Article III, Section 230.304 Accessory Buildings and Structures, Item E, Reference 2.

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By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Think outside the box. Believe in yourself and follow a path that excites you. An unexpected turn of events will open your mind to a host of alternative lifestyles. Take the initiative to turn the mundane into something spectacular.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take the path that leads to peace of mind. Precision and attention to detail will be instrumental in reaching your goal. Protect your physical well-being. Avoid excess and risk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take pride in what you do and focus on the things that make you feel good about yourself. It's OK to do something you enjoy and to live life your way. Romance is in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll come up with exciting ways to change your living arrangements or use your space to pursue something that brings you joy. A change of plans will end up benefiting you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Avoid anyone trying to persuade you to do something that will cost you financially or emotionally. Stay focused on what's worked best for you in the past, and you'll avoid making a mistake.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll make personal gains if you stick to your game plan and bring about the changes that will improve your personal life. Sharing expenses with someone close to you will turn out well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pick your battles wisely. Look inward and consider the best way to handle an impasse with someone you live with or work alongside. Channel your energy into physical activity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make personal adjustments that will help you advance. Use your connections, intelligence and experience. A partnership looks promising if you discuss what you both have to offer and how best to use your skills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Pay more attention to how you present yourself to others. Appropriate attire and a good reputation will help you impress someone important. Play to win. Romance is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Set high standards and goals. Refuse to let trivial matters upset you or stand in your way. Do your best to make a difference in your community. Your words will help someone in need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take better care of your home, family and reputation. Face facts, implement routines, and add structure and fitness into your schedule.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You've got everything under control, so don't mess with what's working. A positive change is heading your way. Being fully prepared will promote high returns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stick to what and who you know. Refuse to get into an altercation with someone who will never share your beliefs or values. Set the record straight regarding your feelings and intentions.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Set timelines and implement new goals. How you move forward will determine your success. Get with the times and choose to get involved in things. It's time to market who you are and what you want using technology and social media.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take the high road, regardless of what others do. Share your ideas and use a passionate tone to encourage others to walk alongside you. Incorporate structure into your vision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You can be demonstrative without stretching the truth. Sticking to the facts will ward off anyone trying to put you in a compromising position. Do not take risks with your health.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep your eye on everything that's going on. Consider the changes you can make to improve your home environment and important relationships. Avoid indulgence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stick to who and what is best for you. Don't let an outsider interfere in your life. Don't feel that you must get involved in a joint venture just because someone else does. Romance is favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't reveal personal information. Knowledge is vital when you are in a competitive situation. A financial gain is heading your way. You will need to listen carefully.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're on the right track. Don't let anyone stand between you and your goals. Treat a change as a new beginning and release yourself from past regrets. Romance is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The power of persuasion will help you get your way. Push yourself, but don't jeopardize your physical well-being. A partnership will lead to a stable future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Prepare for the unexpected. Someone will play games with you if you are gullible. Do your homework and get your facts straight before you get into a debate. Take care of your health.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your involvement in a cause will send you in an unfamiliar direction. Learn all you can, and use your intelligence and experience to make things happen. Partnerships are favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll meet someone interesting if you participate in a worthy cause or take an online class that intrigues you. Share your feelings and concerns with a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take time to help a friend or relative. Be open to suggestions, willing to learn something new and eager to incorporate what you discover into your everyday routine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Difficulties at home will leave you confused about your future and the changes coming down the pipeline. Take time to rethink your position. Share your thoughts and feelings with a loved one.

CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers D4

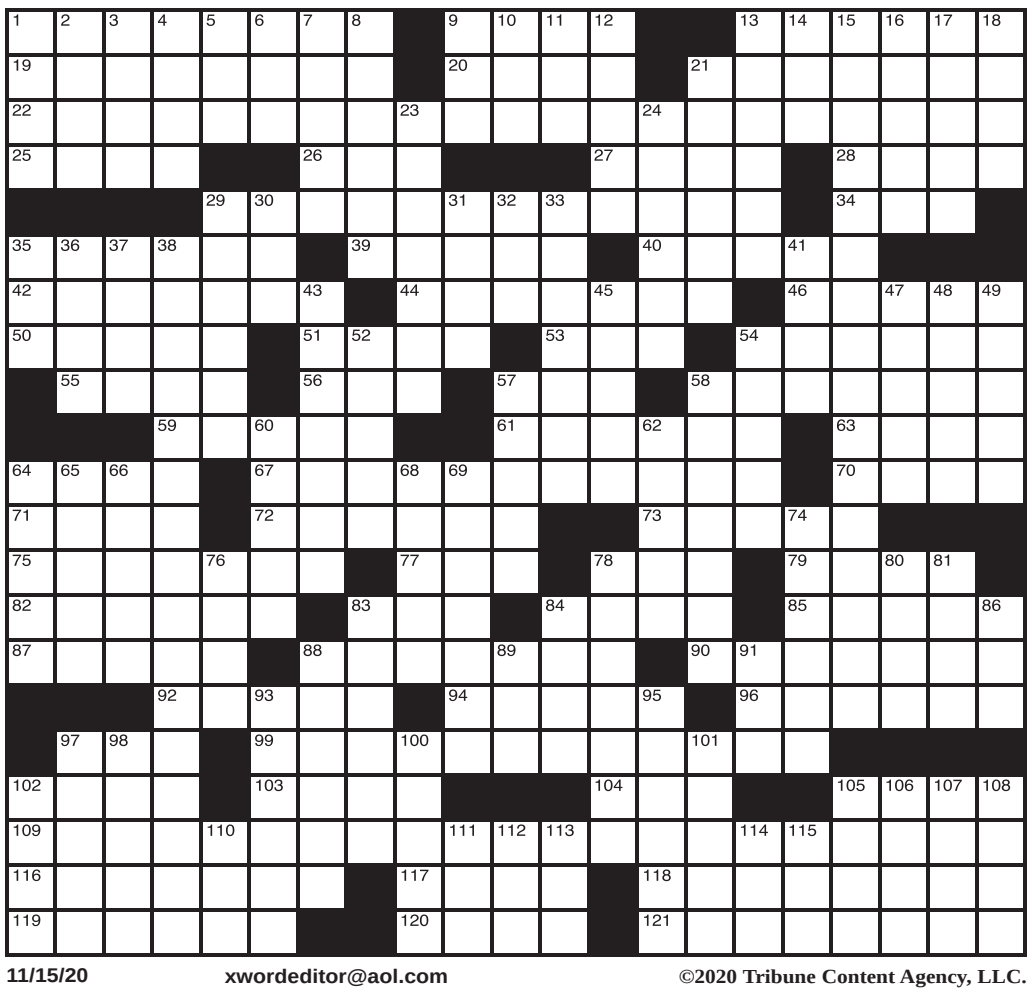
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"WORKPLACE SUPERSTITIONS"
By LEE TAYLOR

ACROSS
1 Street fights
9 Skimpy skirt
13 Diacritic for a long vowel sound
19 Caltech city
20 Low-pH material
21 Italian innkeeper
22 Weather forecaster's "Don't"?
25 Throw away
26 Batter's stat
27 Caesar's rebuke
28 Manuscript marking
29 Beautician's "Don't"?
34 Pink Floyd's Barrett
35 Boarding aid
39 "American Idol" fixture until 2010
40 Other side
42 Gave a sigh
44 Words heard shortly after many a marriage pronouncement
46 Major artery
50 Exercise, as power
51 Kimono ties
53 Tolkien talking plant
54 17th/18th-century British ruling house
55 Little guy
56 "__ Misérables"
57 Home security co.
58 Indigenous Nepal mountain people
59 Bear genus
61 "Narc" co-star Ray
63 Bona __
64 Big name in romance fiction
67 Carpenter's "Do"?
70 Brainchild
71 Vulcan mind __
72 Start of a play
73 Versatile game piece
75 Comprehensive
77 Wanna-__
78 Snack item
79 Corp. leaders
82 After-dinner party
83 Heartache
84 Christmas tune
85 They're often tapped out
87 Bit of character assassination
88 One hanging at a food court
90 Had a longing
92 Sucked (in)
94 Spring bulb
96 Follows
97 Doo-wop group __ Na Na
99 Ice skater's "Don't"?
102 Copied
103 Henry __
104 Ages and ages
105 "An Essay on Criticism" poet
109 Banker's "Do"?
116 Russia, vis-à-vis Crimea, in 2014
117 "__ it a rest!"
118 Prepare for conflict
119 Brought up
120 Eject
121 Final shot

DOWN
1 Catch a glimpse of
2 Guitar gadget
3 Plays for a fool
4 Some coolers
5 Big Pharma watchdog: Abbr.
6 Sportscaster Berman
7 Harden
8 South American dances
9 Put a dent in
10 __ fishing
11 Zippo
12 One stuck in traffic, at times
13 Fertilizer ingredient
14 Say further
15 Pianist's "Do"?
16 Difficult to hoe
17 When rights may be restricted
18 Fit together compactly
21 Climbing equipment
23 Two-piece suits
24 Words in Newton's first law
29 Son of Odin and Frigg
30 Deli option
31 "Famous" cookie maker
32 Work on a green, say
33 Entered permanently
35 Bar mitzvah celebrant
36 Red sign over a door
37 Nonbinary gender pronoun
38 Construction worker's "Don't"?
41 Deckhand
43 Grab a bite together
45 Being dragged along
47 Speedy
48 Fantasy football deal
49 Lost completely
52 Utterly infatuate
54 Relief from the heat
57 Lotion ingredients
58 With determination
60 Take to the rink
62 Chef's hat
64 Not quite right
65 Spiteful feeling
66 Classic tune
68 Early programming acronym
69 Show reverence for, as a deity
74 Confine with a dike, say
76 Northern neighbor of Chile
78 Took in
80 Restaurant window posting
81 Corner, in a way
83 Attack with enthusiasm, as a project
84 "The Lion King" lioness
86 '60s radical gp.
88 Area of expertise
89 Baseball stat
91 Common Market initials
93 Promised to attend, perhaps
95 Drive forward
97 Title holder
98 Temporary tattoo dye
100 Sonar sounds
101 Jungian archetype
102 Hardly in the neighborhood
105 Core
106 Chicago Bulls forward __ Porter, Jr.
107 Feature of some orange juice
108 Sport in which the entire body is a valid target
110 Firefighting tool
111 Pup's protest
112 Michigan in Chicago: Abbr.
113 Word before age or year
114 "60 Minutes" airer
115 Dennings of "2 Broke Girls"



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MSRP	$53,355
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,360
SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,750
COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE	$47,495
MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL/FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH*	- 500

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SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,750
SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
BONUS CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500
F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,500
RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE	$40,495
MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL/FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH*	- 500

SALE PRICE* $39,995

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MSRP	$75,120
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,675
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 3,450
SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,000
RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 2,250
COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 3,000
SALE PRICE	$60,995
MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL/FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH*	- 500

SALE PRICE* $60,495

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MSRP	$55,140
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,195
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 2,700
SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 2,000
RCL RENEWAL*	- 2,000
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2020 NATIONAL RETAIL CONSUMER CASH	- 1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2020 BONUS CASH*	- 750
NATIONAL 2020 RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 750
2020 BONUS CASH	- 500
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GRANITE CRYSTAL, POWER FOLDING THIRD SEAT, HANDS FREE SLIDING DOORS, NAVIGATION, HEATED FIRST AND SECOND ROW SEATS, HANDS FREE POWER LIFTGATE, REMOTE START, TRI-PANE PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20196

LEASE FOR $349/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $2,525 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL & CHRYSLER OWNER LOYALTY LEASE CASH, OFFER EXPIRES 11/20/2020

2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB LARAMIE 4X4

HYDRO BLUE PEARL, LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, SPORT APPEARANCE PACKAGE, 5.7 HEMI V8 ENGINE, NAVIGATION, WHEEL TO WHEEL SIDE STEPS, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, 20 INCH WHEELS, SPORT PERFORMANCE HOOD, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20198

MSRP	$57,125
EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT FOR EVERYONE	- 6,835
EMPLOYEE PRICE	$50,290
RAM BONUS CASH COUPON NOVEMBER	- 250
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$49,040
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
GREAT LAKES BC CONQUEST LEASE TO RETAIL/LEASE*	- 500

AS LOW AS $48,040

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2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB BIG HORN 4X4

DELMONICO RED, 5.7 V8 HEMI E-TORQUE ENGINE, 20 INCH ALUMINUM CHROME CLAD WHEELS, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! C20206

MSRP	$49,770
EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT FOR EVERYONE	- 4,976
EMPLOYEE PRICE	$44,794
RAM BONUS CASH COUPON NOVEMBER	- 250
2020 NATIONAL RETAIL CONSUMER CASH	- 1,000
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$42,544
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $42,044

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2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE SUMMIT 4X4

SLATE BLUE PEARL, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, 19 SPEAKER HIGH PERFORMANCE AUDIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20252

MSRP	$57,235
EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT FOR EVERYONE	- 4,779
EMPLOYEE PRICE	$52,456
2020 NATIONAL RETAIL CONSUMER CASH	- 200
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$52,256
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
2020 RETURNING LESSEE (EP ELIGIBLE)*	- 500

AS LOW AS $51,256

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2020 JEEP RENEGADE LIMITED 4X4

SLATE BLUE PEARL, 1.3 TURBO ENGINE, LEATHER SEATS, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! C20315

LEASE FOR $189/MO*

39 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,150 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, OFFER EXPIRES 11/20/2020

2021 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT UNLIMITED 4X4

SARGE GREEN, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, POWER HEATED MIRRORS, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, AND MUCH MORE! C21006

LEASE FOR $349/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,250 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, OFFER EXPIRES 11/20/2020

2021 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

OLIVE GREEN, LEATHER SEATS, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, VENTILATED SEATS, NAVIGATION, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! C21040

LEASE FOR $249/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,000 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 11/20/2020

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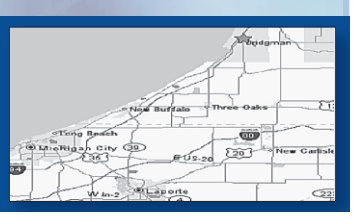

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2013 NISSAN JUKE SL AWD

1.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 80K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Temp Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue F20209B

Was $11,373 NOW $9,694

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20131A

Was $24,500 NOW $21,787

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20174

Was $31,951 NOW $29,613

2015 CHEVY IMPALA LT

3.6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 144K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue C20218A

Was $12,920 Now $11,915

2014 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Black U20176

Was $31,749 NOW $29,994

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20181

Was $31,228 NOW $30,346

2019 FORD TRANSIT 350 XLT 15 PASSENGER VAN

3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Preferred Equipment Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Oxford White U20112A

Was $32,729 NOW $29,995

2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Front and Rear View Cameras, Lane-Keeping System, Active Park Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Shadow Black

Was $35,989 NOW $35,344

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black Diamond U20180

Was $33,520 NOW $31,822

2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING-L PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 51K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, DVD Entertainment Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Tusk White C20212A

Was $26,811 NOW $23,499

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Too Good To Be Blue U20171

Was $22,555 NOW $20,994

2019 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 10K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Dynamic Hitch Assist, Pre-Collision Assist, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red, F20399A

NOW $39,995

2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Turbo Diesel Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 9K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Trailer Tow Monitor, Trailer Back Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C20246A

Was $54,990 NOW $53,477

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 11K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Pedals, Blind Spot Information System, Trailer Tow Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magma Red F20218A

Was $40,966 NOW $38,996

2018 FORD FUSION SE AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 13K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SE Luxury Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, F20394A

NOW $22,883

2014 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 84K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black F19385B

Was $31,499 NOW $30,553

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold, C20261A

Was $39,872 NOW $37,808

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue, F20285A

Was $23,810 NOW $20,999

2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! White U20165

Was $21,851 NOW $19,400

2016 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 55K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Dual Panel Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group IV, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Brilliant Black, C20306A

NOW $30,663

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

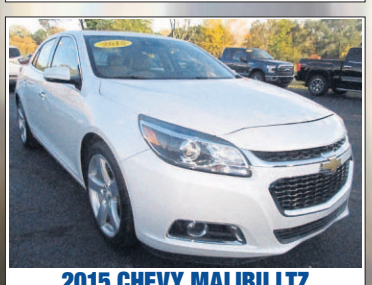
3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Tech Gray Aluminum Wheels, 50K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20178

Was $32,380 NOW $30,499

2018 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Trailer Brake Control, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Brilliant Black, U20189

NOW $34,543



2015 CHEVY MALIBU LTZ TURBO

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 75K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White, C20041A

Was $14,654 NOW $13,124

2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold, U20183

Was $22,228 NOW $20,839

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, F20410A

NOW $22,923

2014 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT SE

1.8 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 156K Miles, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White

NOW $9,822

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle S20013

Was $20,500 NOW $19,995

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 V6 EFI Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 39K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Reverse Sensing System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20186

Was $34,618 NOW $33,996

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 49K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner Mat, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black F20376A

Was $34,980 NOW $33,989

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic with Tow Mode, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, FX4 Off-Road Package, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20158

Was $39,595 Now $36,995

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Stow 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

Was $20,995 NOW $19,995

2018 MERCEDES GLC 300 4MATIC AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heat Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Obsidian Black M20083A

Was $33,995 NOW 32,995

2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20187

Was $22,203 NOW $21,341

2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER XLE AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Departure Warning, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! PreDawn Gray Mica, C20227A

NOW $33,226

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Smoked Quartz, U20147

Was $30,989 NOW $28,994

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Aluminum Wheels, 34K Wheels, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20172

Was $20,884 NOW $18,499

2013 TOYOTA PRIUS C HYBRID HATCHBACK

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Styled Wheel Covers, 107K Miles, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue

Was $9,994 NOW $9,359

2015 GMC YUKON DENALI 4X4

6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, 2nd Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black, C20305A

NOW $40,827

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Cloth and Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Platinum Graphite F20289A

Was $21,994 NOW $19,848

2016 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED AWD

3.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 117K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray, C21020A

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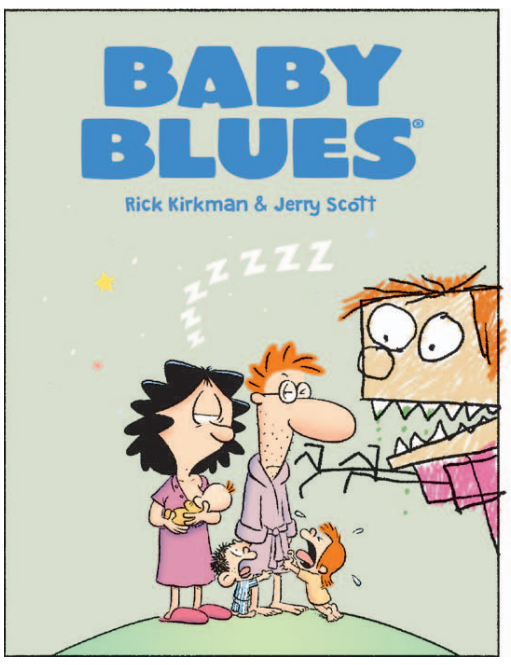

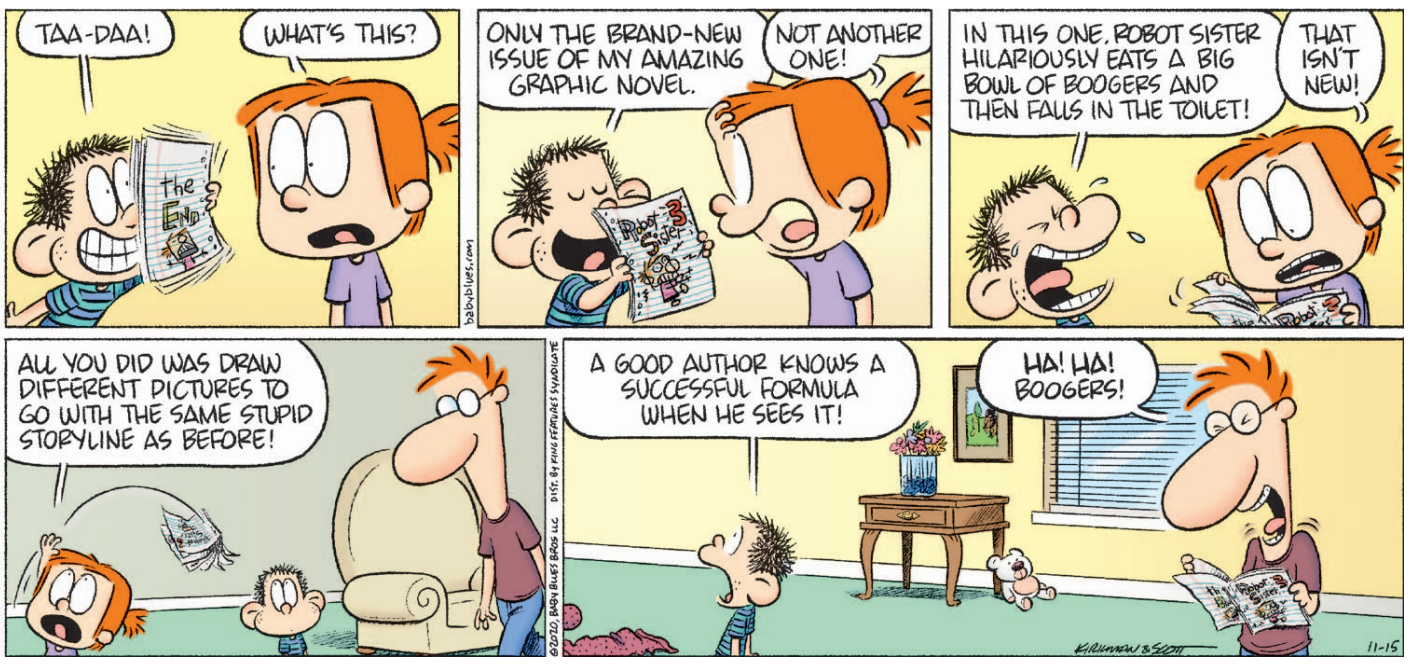
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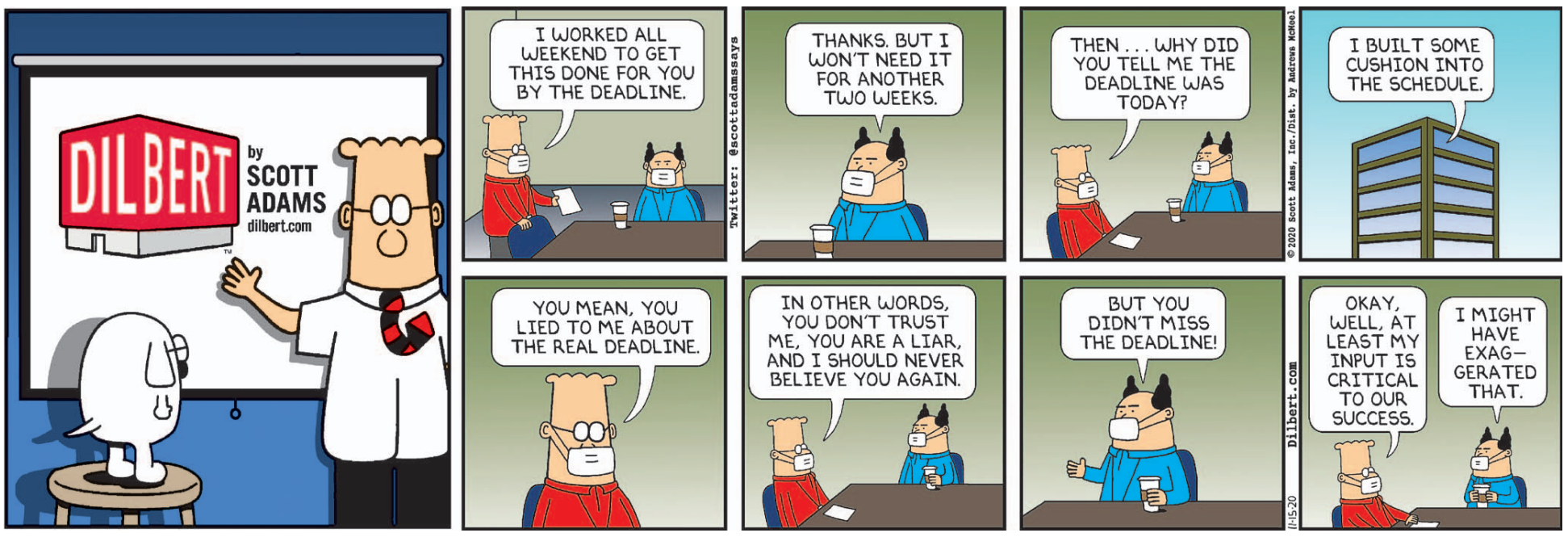
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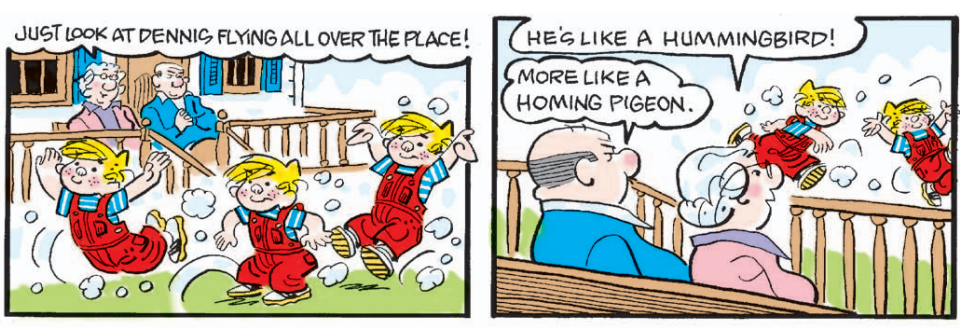

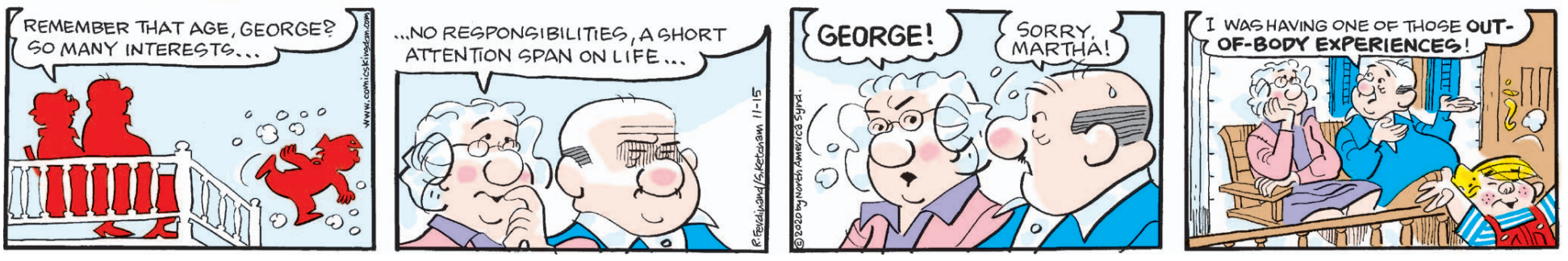
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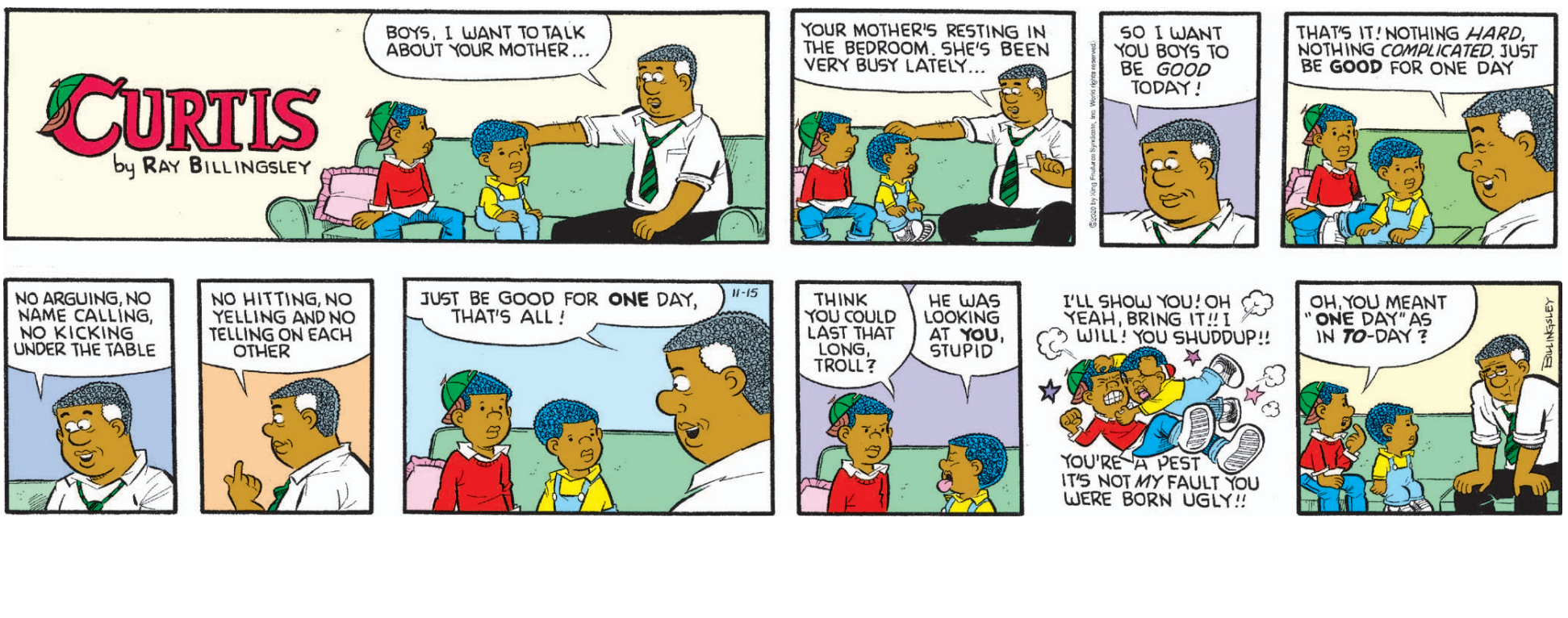
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HE WAS LOOKING AT YOU, STUPID
I'LL SHOW YOU! OH YEAH, BRING IT!! I WILL! YOU SHUDDUP!!
YOU'RE A PEST IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU WERE BORN UGLY!!
OH, YOU MEANT "ONE DAY" AS IN TO-DAY?
BILLINGSLEY

Mort Walker's beetle bailey®

ANYBODY WANT TO HELP ME WITH THE WEATHER BALLOON?
SURE
I'M GOING TO THE WEATHER STATION
I'LL CALL YOU TO RELEASE THE BALLOON
OKAY, RELEASE THE BALLOON
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UH-OH!
GREG + MORT WALKER
I'M GETTING A FUNNY SIGNAL
IS EVERY-THING OKAY, BEETLE?
NO, THERE'S A BIG STORM COMING IN FROM THE NORTH
OH, AND HELP!
BOOM!
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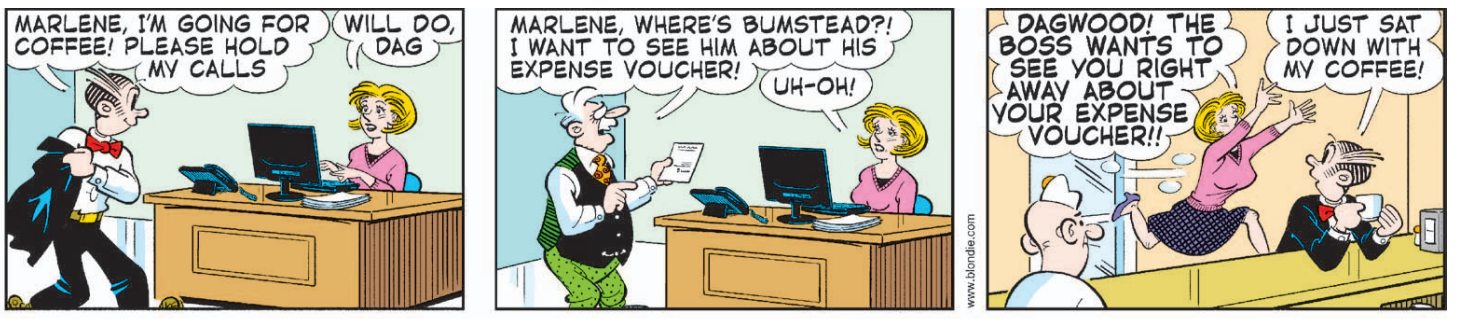
BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL


MARLENE, I'M GOING FOR COFFEE! PLEASE HOLD MY CALLS
WILL DO, DAG
MARLENE, WHERE'S BUMSTEAD?! I WANT TO SEE HIM ABOUT HIS EXPENSE VOUCHER!
UH-OH!
DAGWOOD! THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY ABOUT YOUR EXPENSE VOUCHER!!
I JUST SAT DOWN WITH MY COFFEE!
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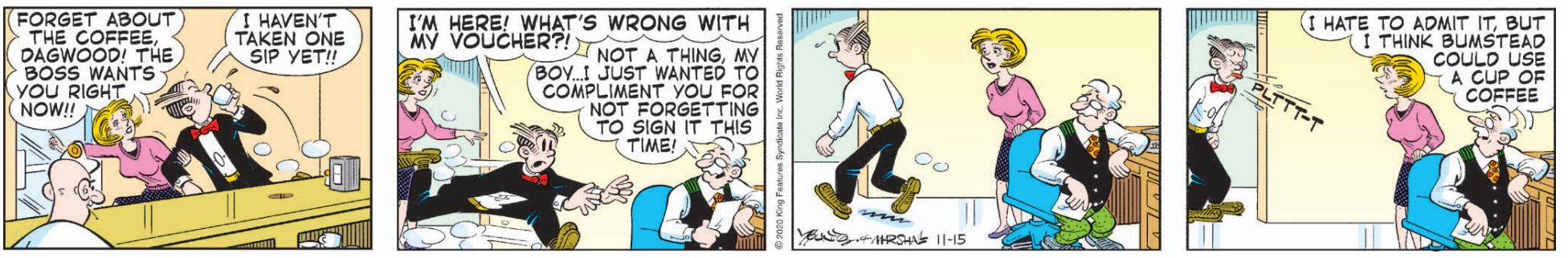
FORGET ABOUT THE COFFEE, DAGWOOD! THE BOSS WANTS YOU RIGHT NOW!!
I HAVEN'T TAKEN ONE SIP YET!!
I'M HERE! WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY VOUCHER?!
NOT A THING, MY BOY...I JUST WANTED TO COMPLIMENT YOU FOR NOT FORGETTING TO SIGN IT THIS TIME!
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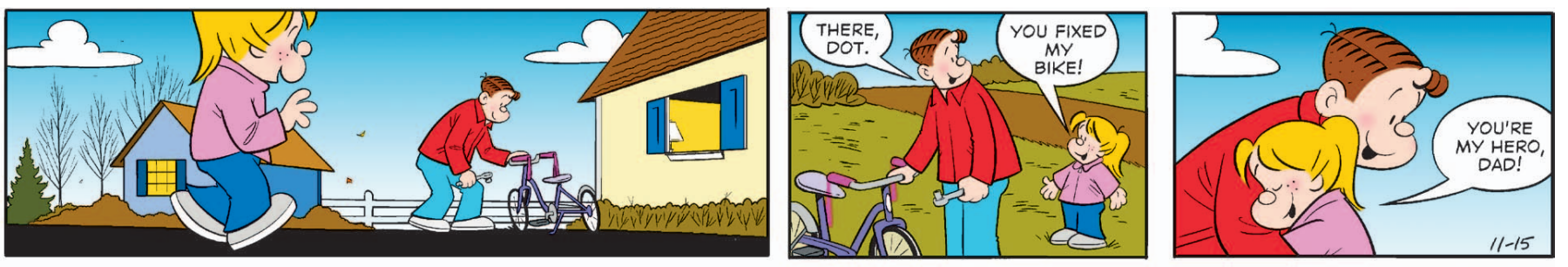
PLTTT-T
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT I THINK BUMSTEAD COULD USE A CUP OF COFFEE

MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER


THERE, DOT.
YOU FIXED MY BIKE!
YOU'RE MY HERO, DAD!
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THANKS, BUT I WOULDN'T CALL MYSELF A HERO.
NO, REALLY. YOU'RE MY SUPER-HERO!
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BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY SUPERPOWERS.
I GUESS...
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YOU'RE LIKE SUPERMAN WITH A POCKET FULL OF KRYPTONITE!
WELL, I'M STRONGER THAN THAT!
ERIC REYNOLDS

The FAMILY CIRCUS®

BY BIL KEANE

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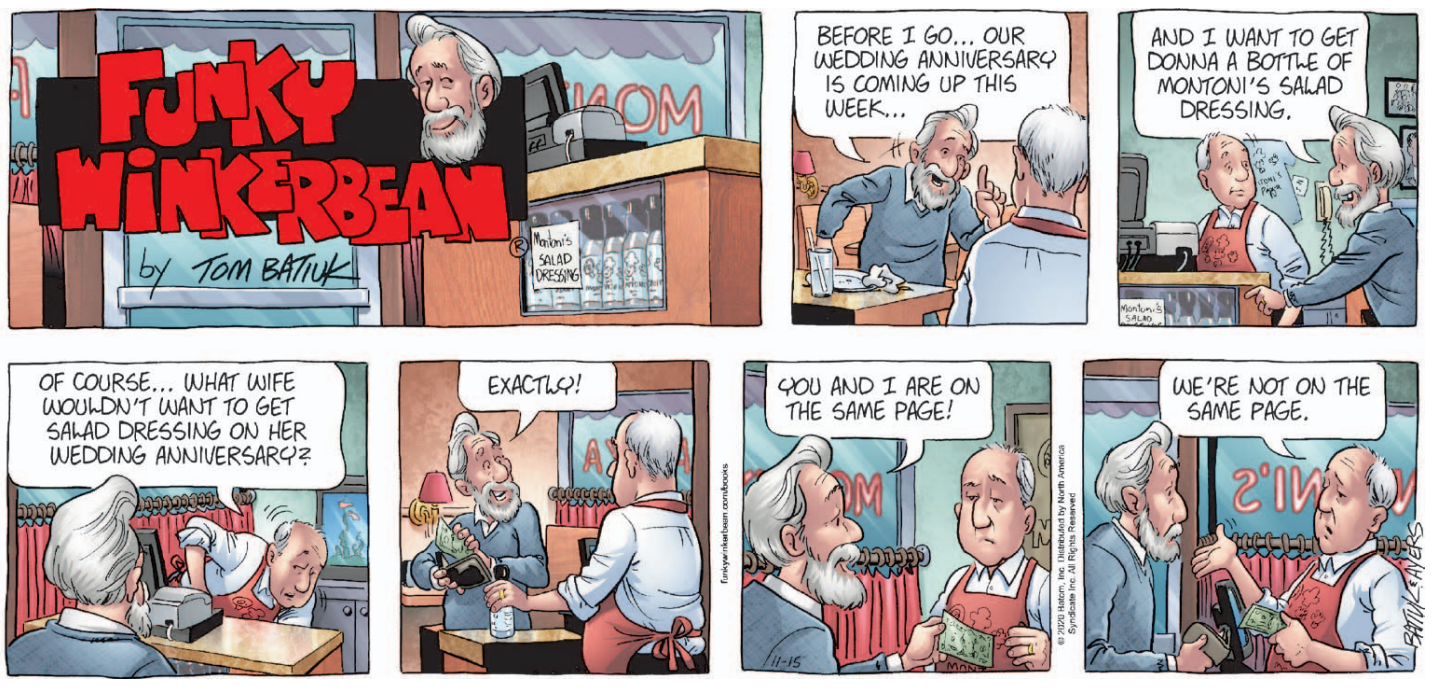
WHEN WILL DADDY BE HOME, MOMMY?
SOON, I HOPE.
THERE YOU GO, FELLA--HURRY HOME TO YOUR WIFE AND KIDS.
JEFF and BIL KEANE

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by TOM BATIUK


Montoni's SALAD DRESSING
BEFORE I GO... OUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS COMING UP THIS WEEK...
AND I WANT TO GET DONNA A BOTTLE OF MONTONI'S SALAD DRESSING.
OF COURSE... WHAT WIFE WOULDN'T WANT TO GET SALAD DRESSING ON HER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?
EXACTLY!
YOU AND I ARE ON THE SAME PAGE!
WE'RE NOT ON THE SAME PAGE.
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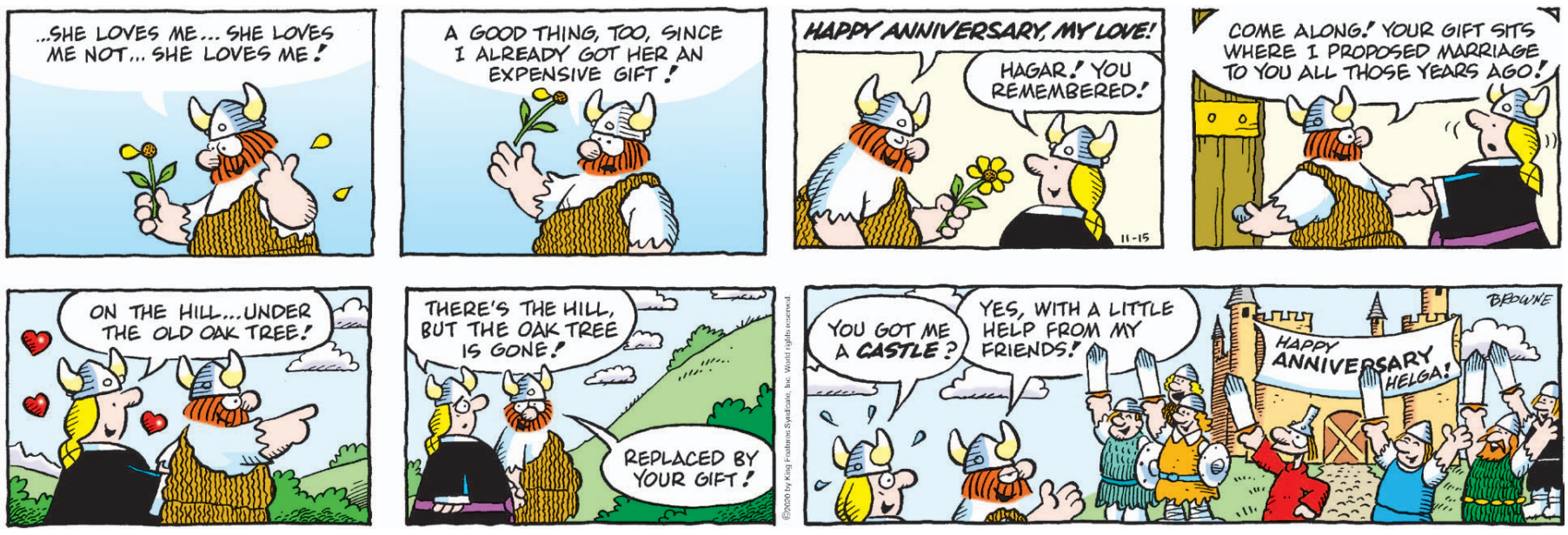
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


...SHE LOVES ME... SHE LOVES ME NOT... SHE LOVES ME!
A GOOD THING, TOO, SINCE I ALREADY GOT HER AN EXPENSIVE GIFT!
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, MY LOVE!
HAGAR! YOU REMEMBERED!
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COME ALONG! YOUR GIFT SITS WHERE I PROPOSED MARRIAGE TO YOU ALL THOSE YEARS AGO!
ON THE HILL... UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE!
THERE'S THE HILL, BUT THE OAK TREE IS GONE!
REPLACED BY YOUR GIFT!
YOU GOT ME A CASTLE?
YES, WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS!
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY HELGA!
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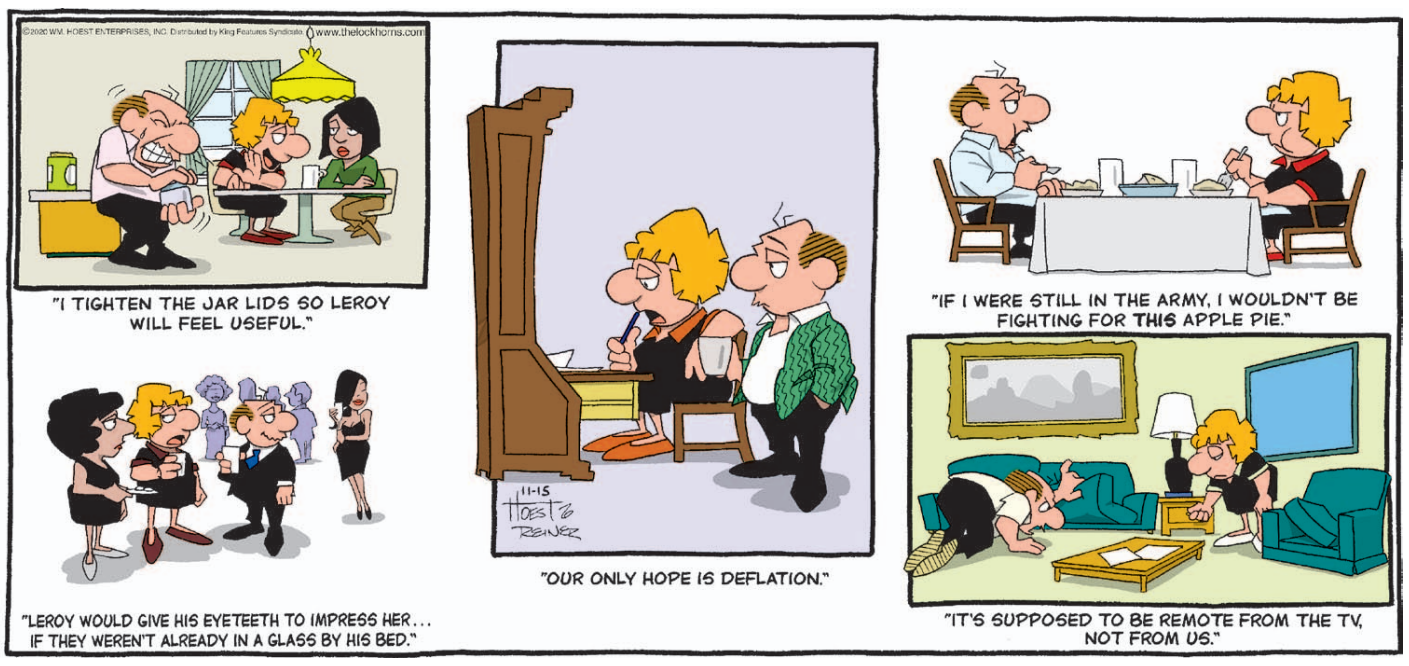
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER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"I TIGHTEN THE JAR LIDS SO LEROY WILL FEEL USEFUL."
"LEROY WOULD GIVE HIS EYETEETH TO IMPRESS HER... IF THEY WEREN'T ALREADY IN A GLASS BY HIS BED."
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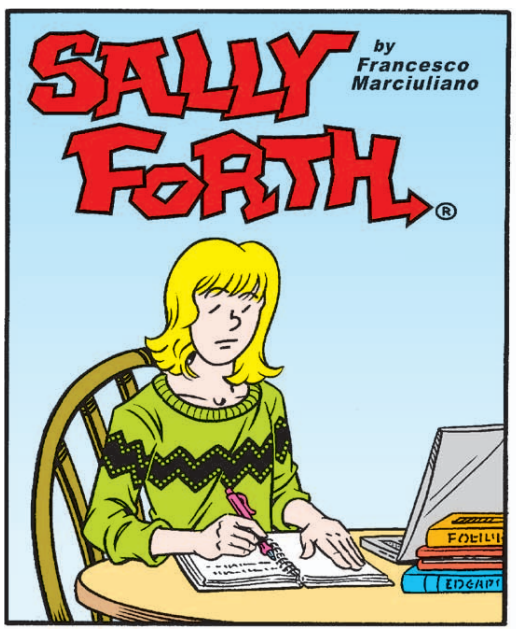
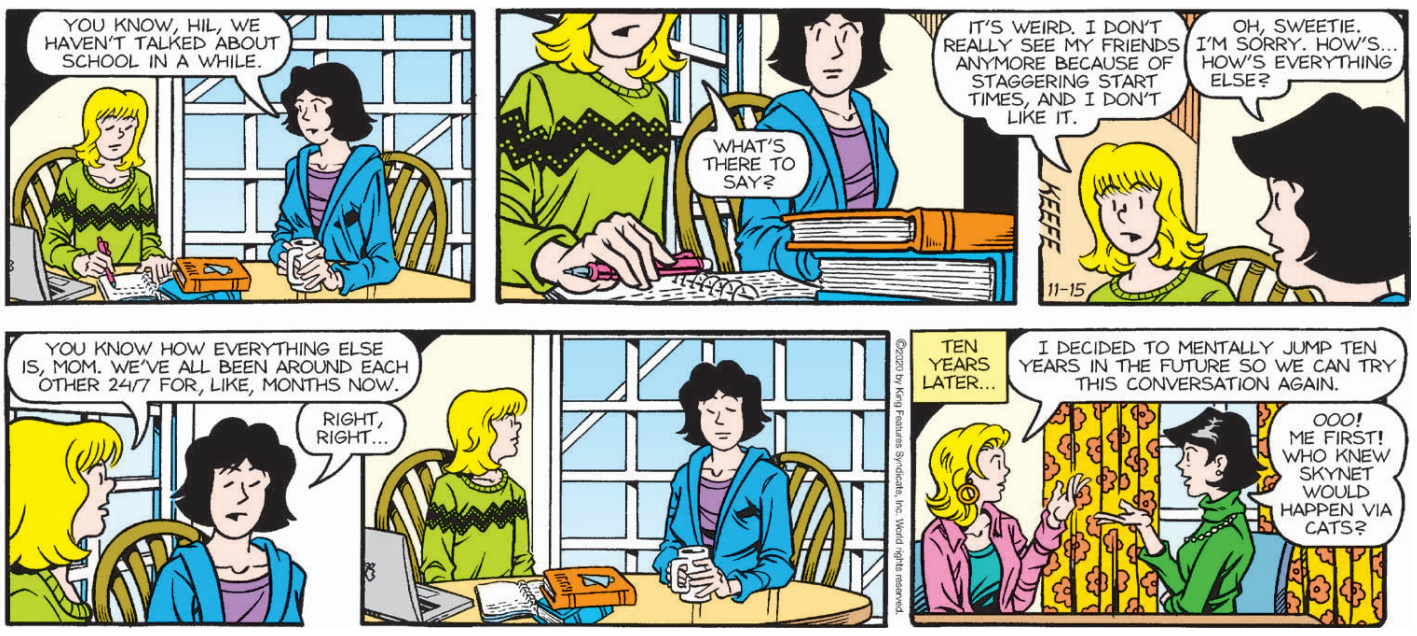
REINER
"OUR ONLY HOPE IS DEFLATION."
"IF I WERE STILL IN THE ARMY, I WOULDN'T BE FIGHTING FOR THIS APPLE PIE."
"IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE REMOTE FROM THE TV, NOT FROM US."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano




YOU KNOW, HIL, WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT SCHOOL IN A WHILE.
WHAT'S THERE TO SAY?
IT'S WEIRD. I DON'T REALLY SEE MY FRIENDS ANYMORE BECAUSE OF STAGGERING START TIMES, AND I DON'T LIKE IT.
OH, SWEETIE. I'M SORRY. HOW'S... HOW'S EVERYTHING ELSE?
KEEFE
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YOU KNOW HOW EVERYTHING ELSE IS, MOM. WE'VE ALL BEEN AROUND EACH OTHER 24/7 FOR, LIKE, MONTHS NOW.
RIGHT, RIGHT...
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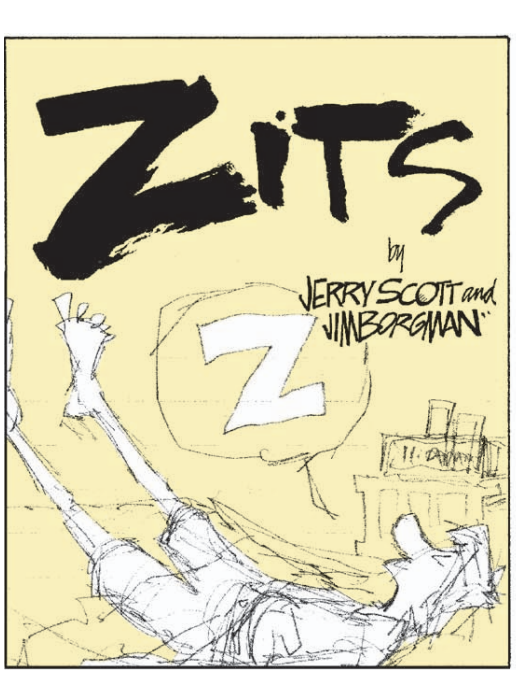
TEN YEARS LATER...
I DECIDED TO MENTALLY JUMP TEN YEARS IN THE FUTURE SO WE CAN TRY THIS CONVERSATION AGAIN.
OOO! ME FIRST! WHO KNEW SKYNET WOULD HAPPEN VIA CATS?

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN



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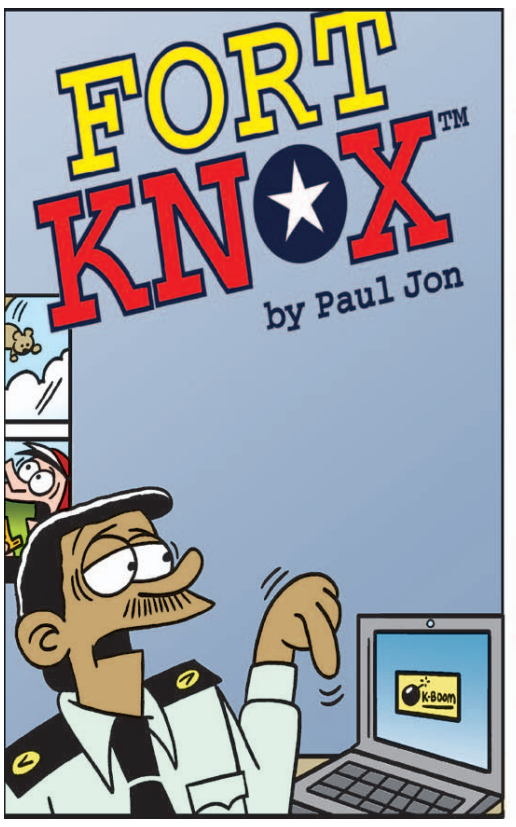
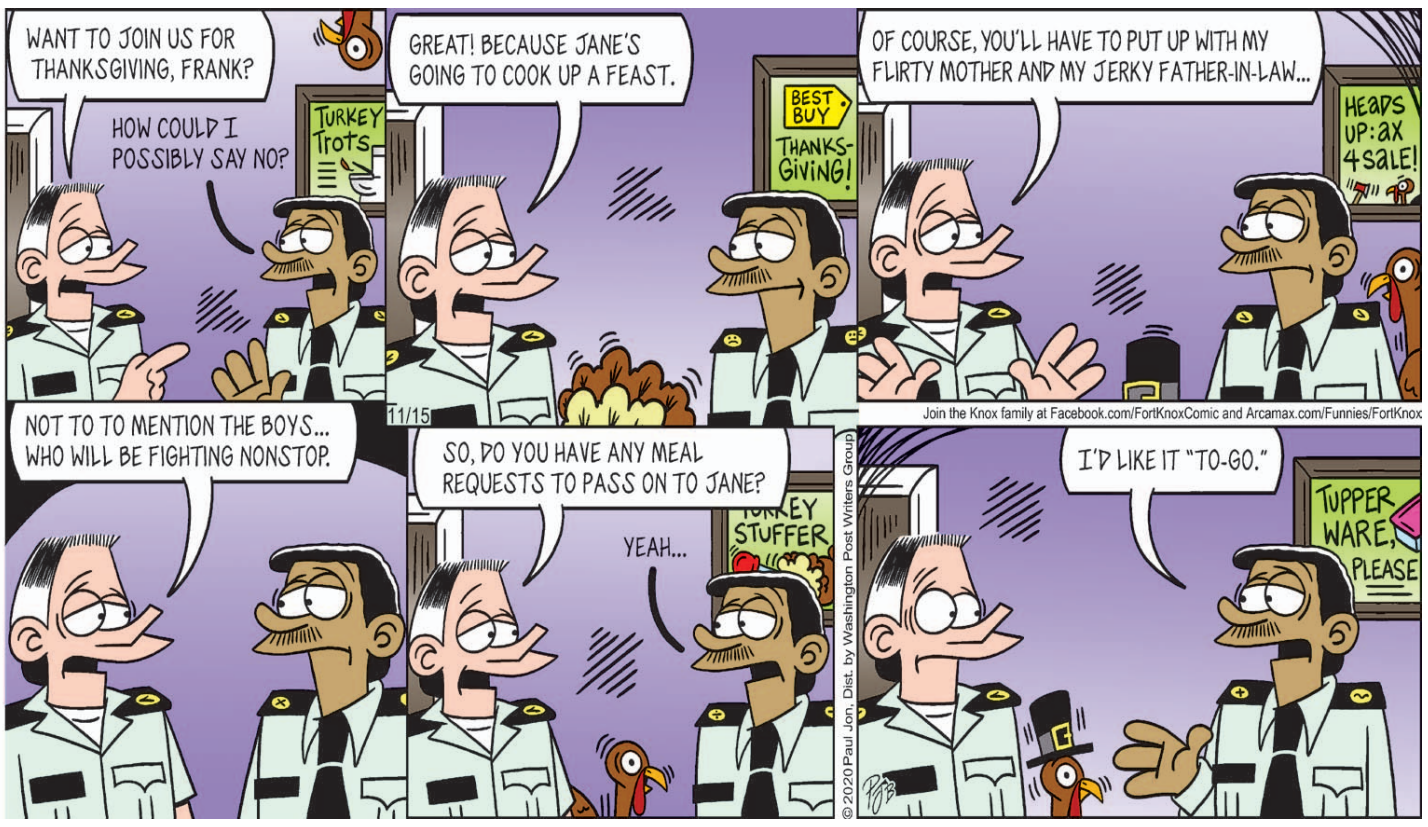
by Paul Jon




WANT TO JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING, FRANK?
HOW COULD I POSSIBLY SAY NO?
TURKEY Trots
GREAT! BECAUSE JANE'S GOING TO COOK UP A FEAST.
BEST BUY THANKS-GIVING!
OF COURSE, YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH MY FLIRTY MOTHER AND MY JERKY FATHER-IN-LAW...
HEADS UP: ax 4 SALE!
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NOT TO TO MENTION THE BOYS... WHO WILL BE FIGHTING NONSTOP.
SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY MEAL REQUESTS TO PASS ON TO JANE?
YEAH...
TURKEY STUFFER
I'D LIKE IT "TO-GO."
TUPPER WARE, PLEASE
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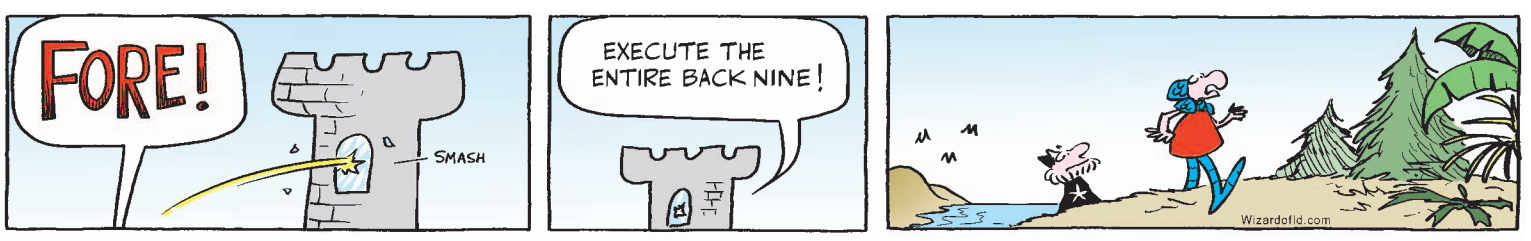
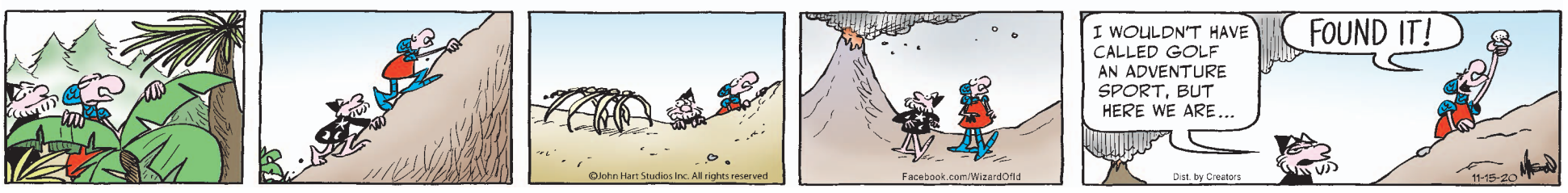
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

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I WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED GOLF AN ADVENTURE SPORT, BUT HERE WE ARE...
FOUND IT!
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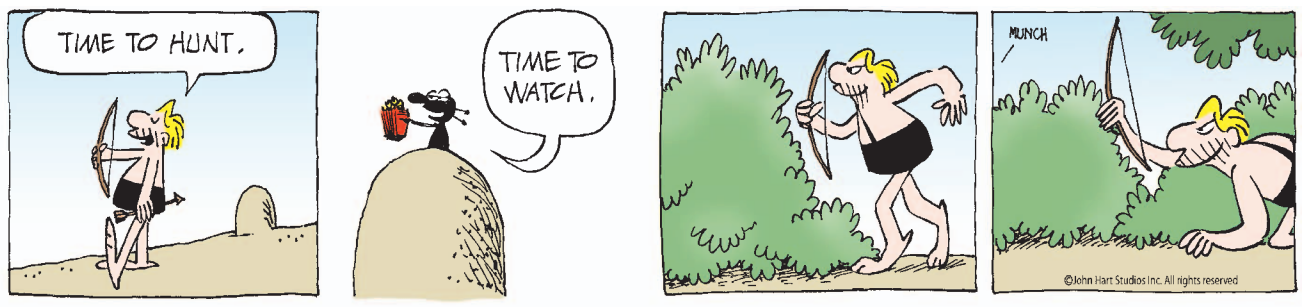
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART



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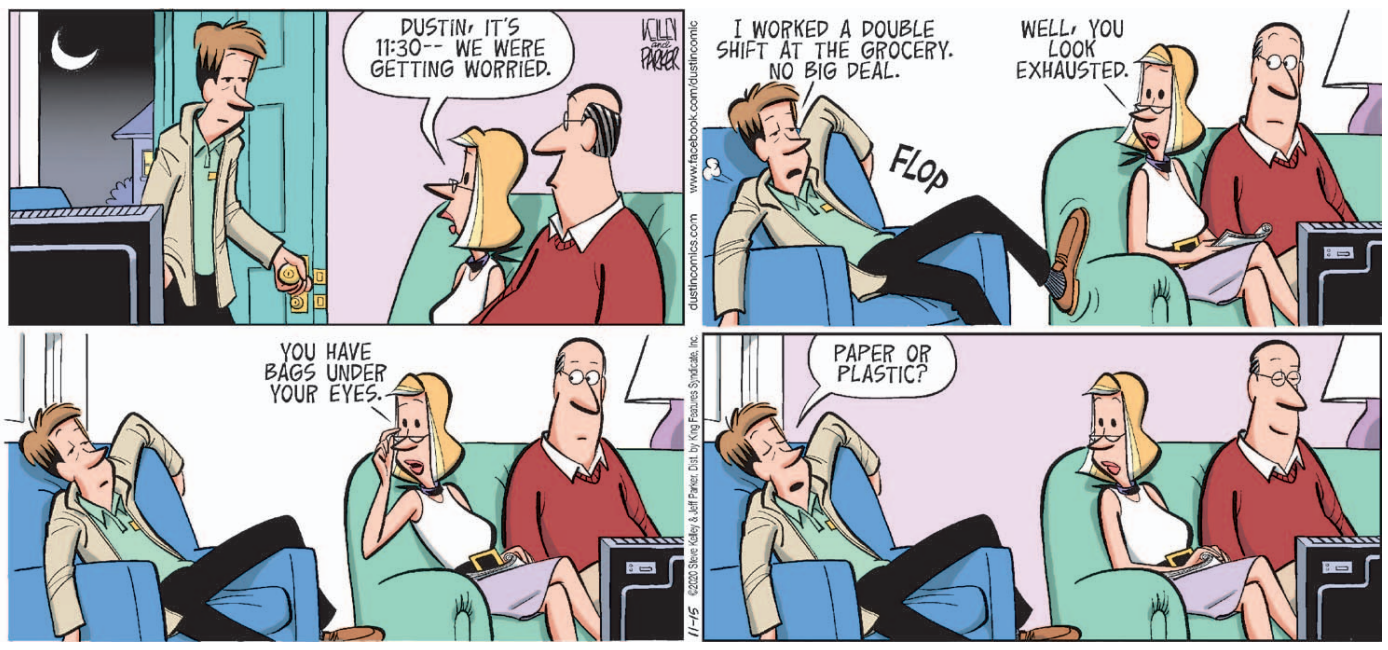
DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER


DUSTIN, IT'S 11:30-- WE WERE GETTING WORRIED.
I WORKED A DOUBLE SHIFT AT THE GROCERY. NO BIG DEAL.
FLOP
WELL, YOU LOOK EXHAUSTED.
YOU HAVE BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES.
PAPER OR PLASTIC?
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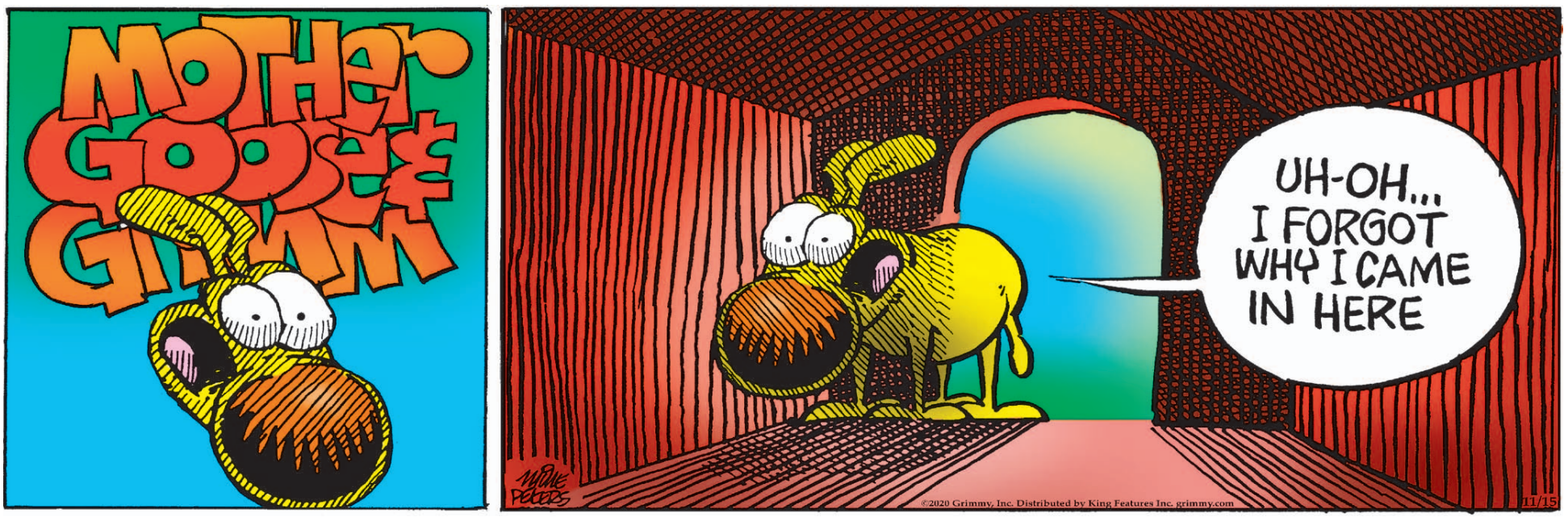
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

EARL, DID YOU TAKE A COOKIE FROM THAT PLATE IN THE KITCHEN?
NOPE.
WELL, YOU SHOULD. I MADE THEM JUST FOR YOU.
FOR SOME REASON IT DOESN'T TASTE AS GOOD NOW.
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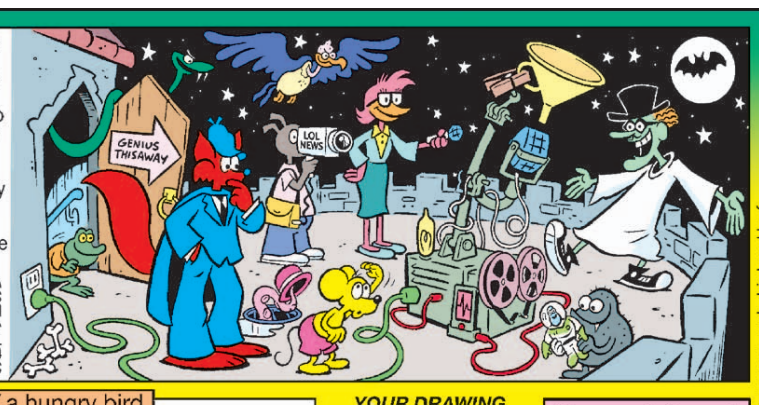
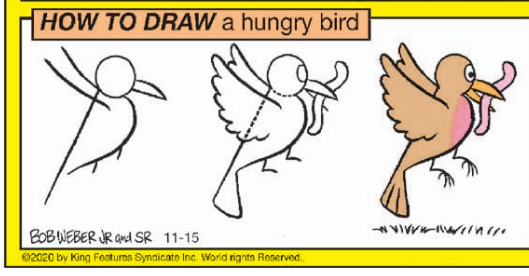
Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Count Weirdly claims he has invented and aimed a sound-wave collector toward infinity and beyond to record the sounds of exploding stars, colliding asteroids and alien voices. Why does Slylock Fox think the count's claim is a deep-space deception?

Solution -- Sound waves travel through molecules. There are no molecules to vibrate in the empty areas between stars and planets. Sound cannot travel to Weirdly's collector.



HOW TO DRAW a hungry bird



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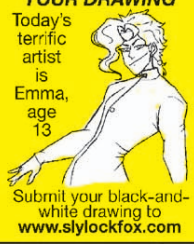
YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Emma, age 13



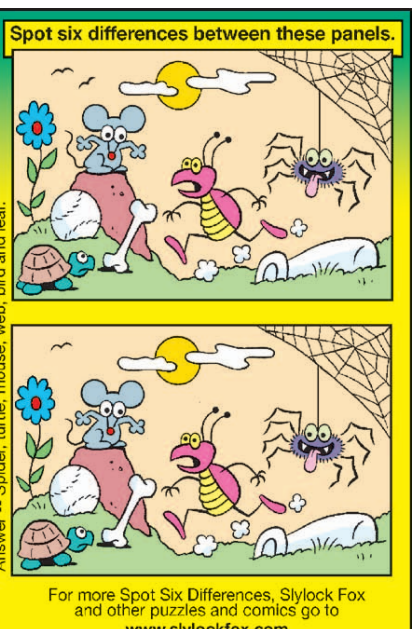
Submit your black-and-white drawing to **www.slylockfox.com**

The speed of sound at sea level static conditions is about ...

a) 317 mph
b) 761 mph
c) 952 mph
d) 2,800 mph
e) 4,254 mph

Answer -- b)

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Spider, turtle, mouse, web, bird and leaf.

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